



# St Christopher's



## in the Community

At our school, we take great pride in fostering a spirit of compassion and community engagement among our pupils and staff. Our St Christopher's in the Community is an initiative about making a positive impact and instilling the values of empathy and social responsibility in our school. We hope by the end of the year to have accumulated 130 hours of charitable work.

Over the Christmas period, our Bursar, Mrs Stamate, exemplified this commitment by generously dedicating 25 hours of her time to support the charity, Crisis. Crisis works tirelessly throughout the year to aid individuals across Britain in rebuilding their lives beyond homelessness. Specifically during the festive season, several hotels in London are repurposed between December 21st and January 2nd (with one site remaining open until January 19th) to provide respite for those without stable homes.

Despite all available spaces being filled, there remained a waiting list of 1000 people, highlighting the pressing need for such services. Crisis provides more than just shelter; it extends a comprehensive range of support, including meals, clothing, and access to medical professionals such as doctors, dentists, and opticians. Hairdressers, too, volunteered their services alongside specialists who offered support and counselling, assisting individuals in finding stable homes and gaining access to education and training.

The holiday season at Crisis is not just about meeting basic needs; it's also about fostering a sense of community and joy. Volunteers engage in various activities, from football competitions and stadium visits to the classic game of Bingo. Celebrity supporters of Crisis add to the festive atmosphere, creating memorable experiences for all involved.

As a general volunteer, Mrs Stamate's role primarily involved assisting in the serving of meals and snacks, engaging in conversations with guests, and supporting the overall operation of the site. It was a rewarding experience that reminded me of the power of community when it comes together to make a difference.

If you or your children engage in any charitable work, whether individually or as a family, do inform Mr. Carter. We believe in celebrating these contributions and adding them to our running total of charitable hours, as each act of kindness brings us closer to our goal and, more importantly, strengthens our collective impact on the community.

