

school in England, we used to have very long end-of-term Assemblies, with prize-giving, and most of us were sitting on the floor. In the middle, my old Principal used to say, "Now you may have a wriggle!" and we all got up and moved around because we had got very stiff. So, if you have been sitting still for 40 minutes, your muscles have probably got stiff. You need to move around a bit and stretch your legs, so that, when the next teacher comes in, you are not fidgeting all the time. (What is the Bengali word for fidgeting?). So please, let us get the routine between lessons more developed and may I ask the teachers to help see that this routine is kept.

I shall talk about another part of our routine tomorrow – I expect you have noticed that we are all beginning to wear our new badges so I will be talking about that.

God bless you.



**LEARNING TO BE PART OF OUR COUNTRY -  
WHEN SOME PEOPLE ARE COLD**  
*Assembly 7 – January 13<sup>th</sup> 2003*

*(Show the piece of jigsaw puzzle)* – What is our theme this week? Learning to be one piece in the jigsaw puzzle – learning to be part of a group.

The group we are born into is the family – we first learn to be part of that – and then we come to school and we learn to be part of that. We need routines because, if we do not have time-tables and ways of doing things, the school would be a madhouse.

But then, we learn to be part of the wider world also - because there is an even bigger world outside the school that we are also part of. Yesterday, I said I would talk to you about our new labels but one of our teachers had a very good idea yesterday so I am

going to speak about something else. She said, there are so many people suffering in Bangladesh from the cold, maybe our school could help by collecting warm clothes - like socks and pullovers and coats that our pupils no longer need and we can give them to the poor who have nothing. So, we are asking you to bring to school whatever you can spare that will give some warmth to those who cannot afford warm clothes.

But I am now going to say something very important. When we give to the poor, we must give in a way that says to them, very clearly, that, just because they are poor in money, does not mean they are less important or inferior or less intelligent than we are. It is important to give to the poor in a way that is respectful – so please do not give clothes that are dirty or have great holes in them or that you would not like to receive because you would feel insulted. When we give things away we must never give without some sign of respect to our fellow human-beings. A true gift always comes with a little piece of our heart. That is the way we want people to be kind to us – and that is the way we should be kind to others. We are all part of the same jigsaw puzzle.

Now someone will tell you about the collection in Bangla so that you all understand it quite clearly ...



**LEARNING TO BE ONE OF A GROUP – OF  
DIFFERENT PEOPLE!**  
*Assembly 8 – January 13<sup>th</sup> 2003*

*(Show the piece of the jigsaw puzzle)* What is this? What is our theme for this week? Learning to be a piece of the jigsaw puzzle, learning to be one of a group.

Yesterday, our cricket team had a match. They did very well. They lost, but they did very well and they got 115 runs which is