



# Bransgore Church of England Primary School

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## CHRISTCHURCH SCHOOL'S BOOK APPEAL

### In aid of Sineku Primary School, Dominica

Dear Parents/Carers,

On 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Hurricane Maria devastated Dominica. With 98% of island roofs damaged, and many houses damaged beyond repair, many children were displaced and traumatised by the experience. Working closely with the Dominican government, areas that have been most affected and need most help have been identified and the Jermain Defoe Foundation has been helping to refurbish and repair schools on the island, helping children and families to rebuild their lives. Knowing how important it is for schools to continue giving children their education, the Foundation is collecting **good quality, age appropriate, used children's books** for the children to enjoy at the Sineku Primary School.

Working with the Jermain Defoe Foundation and Christchurch Community Partnership, we would like to collect books for this worthy cause.

**Books (ideally in bags or boxes) would need to be in school by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October**, so that the books can be delivered to the children at Sineku School in time for Christmas.



Many of you will know Jermain Defoe through his career at AFC Bournemouth. In 2010 he donated money to the Soufriere Primary School to refurbish their library after the damage caused by Hurricane Tomas. This led to the establishment of his Foundation in 2013, which has supported the Holy Family Children's Home and built the Rainbow Children's Home, both on St Lucia. Fundraising includes annual football tournaments and gala dinners, as well as various appeals for equipment, toys and now books.

Following Jermain's close friendship with Bradley Lowery, the Foundation expanded its reach in the UK to help children with life-threatening illnesses, particularly other young people with neuroblastoma, a rare form of child cancer. Jermain was awarded the OBE in the 2018 Birthday Honours List for his services to charity.

More information about the Jermain Defoe Foundation can be found at [jermaindefoefoundation.org](http://jermaindefoefoundation.org)

**Please help! A small clear out at home will be so important for the children on Dominica.**

Many thanks,  
Mrs Staddon  
School Librarian

