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Dear Parents/Carers

9th February 2024

Lent begins on the 14th February 2024 and ends on Thursday 28th March 2024. Lent is the period of six weeks (40 days not including Sundays) leading up to Easter. We have lots of activities planned in school and for home.

Lent Bags

After half term the children will have the opportunity to bring home a Lenten bag to share with the family.

'Lent through a Lens' Competition

We are holding a competition for the children called 'Lent through a Lens'. We would like children to take a photo of something that reminds them of Lent. This could be something they have seen in church, when they are out playing or in a museum for example. They can then send this picture into school, either printed, emailed or through class dojo. We will then collect the photos in and send them onto the Missio charity, where they will be entered into a prize draw with other children from around the country. We will also showcase all of the photos on our school website and social media.



The Big Lent Walk

Every Thursday throughout Lent the children will be taking part in 'The Big Lent Walk' for Cafod. This involves walking a total of 5 miles. Each Thursday we will complete 1,300 meters. We are hoping to raise a total of £500 for Cafod to help fight global poverty. Any money raised can make a huge difference to people's lives.

- £10 can provide four palm trees to protect land from extreme weather caused by the climate crisis.
- £26 can provide tools and training to build raised beds to protect vegetables from floods.
- £185 can provide a place on a two-week course: growing food, adapting to extreme weather and new ways of earning a living.



Easter Mass

We hope you can join us at our Easter Mass on the **22nd April 2024** at 10am. Our Mass will be held in St Mary's church and we look forward to seeing you there.



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Holy Week

Our children are going to explain the story of Holy week over four liturgies. We would like to invite parent/carers to the Celebration of the Word, which will be held each day through Holy week starting at 2:45pm.

Monday 25th March 2024 – Year 3 – Palm Sunday

Tuesday 26th March 2024 – Year 4 - Last Supper

Wednesday 27th March 2024 – Year 5– Good Friday

Thursday 28th March 2024 – Prayer Stations



Year of Prayer

This year we are celebrating the 'Year of Prayer'. In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer.

The Holy Father has asked that 2024 be year of prayer, as a preparatory year for the Jubilee. The children will be taking part in different activities across the year.



Important dates for the diary

Our class liturgies are now called Celebration of the Word. We would like to invite parents/carers into the classroom to join us in the Celebration of the Word. Please see the dates below for your child's class liturgy:

Year 1 – Lent – Friday 1st March at 9:05am

Year 2 – Friday 15th March at 9:05am

Year 3 – Friday 3rd May at 9:05am

Year 4J and 4R – Friday 17th May at 9:05am

Year 5 – Friday 14th June at 9:05am

Year 6 – Friday 21st June at 9:05am

Leavers Mass – Monday 15th July at 10am

Kindest Regards

Mrs J Colley
Deputy Head Teacher



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