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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, last Wednesday was Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Over the last 5 years here in school, we have been marking Lent in different ways. Some people have given things up like sweets, chocolate, crisps and other times we have solely focussed at doing things for others.

This year, our theme is **Give It Up!** This can be sweets, chocolate, fizzy drinks, electronics and most importantly, time ~ spend time with someone who looks like they need a friend, spend time helping someone, spend time talking and chatting with your family and friends. We are encouraging children to do something for others by giving their time; this can be as simple as smiling to someone who looks upset, involving others in our games at playtimes, being polite, friendly, and a good example of an English Martyrs' family member.

I have also planned in 2 charity days over this half term. I have spoken to children, staff and parents about charities that are special to them. Our chosen Lenten charities are:

Derian House, Vine House, Ronald McDonald House, Meningitis UK, Heartbeat, Parkinson's UK, Combat Stress, Lymphoma UK, RNLI

I am sure you will agree these are all worthy and worthwhile causes and they are all charities that our staff, parents and children have been directly supported and helped by.

The Charity Days will be on Friday 22nd March and Friday 29th March. Both days will be non-uniform for a donation. We will also be having a Parent Café in the afternoons of these days, come and have a cuppa and a chat!

I hope to see you then and as always, many thanks for your continual support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Howarth
Headteacher