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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today, we have begun our Lenten journey to Easter with our Ash Wednesday Service. We pray that we may use this time to grow in faith, hope, and love.

Lent is a time for reflection, it lasts for a period of 40 days reflecting the time Jesus spent in the desert before his death and resurrection. It is a time for saying sorry and for moving forward. It is a time to help others in need, for understanding and for charity.

On the back of this letter is a Lenten Calendar of acts of love to share at home. Please read through it as a family, share the simple activities, helping your child/ren and all in your home to become used to acting this way, showing love, care, trust, hope as part of 'normal' life, not just in Lent!

As part of our whole school Lenten promise, we are going to continue to help others, just as Jesus taught us, and to help those who are in need. As part of this and in continuing our school ethos and mission, and that of Catholic Education, we will continue to 'do the right thing' by God in helping others by fundraising, both for my Manchester Marathon for St Catherine's Hospice, and later in the half term for our PTFA Charity for chocolate donations for our PTFA Easter Bingo. Living out our Catholic Social Teachings and putting it into practice.

As part of our whole school ethos of working together and being the best version of ourselves, the Chaplaincy Team have chosen 5 weekly themes based on Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Hope. These are: Making someone smile; Being a good friend; Giving up time for someone else; Being forgiving; Being a good human.

As always, any questions, please just ask and many thanks for all your continual support and generosity in giving and your care.

Kind regards,

Annalisa Howarth
Headteacher

