



Dear Parents,

Tuesday, 13th February 2017

Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, signalling the beginning of the season of Lent. All the KS2 children will be attending church tomorrow to receive the Lenten Ashes. The Early Years and KS1 pupils will receive the ashes in school. The season of Lent is one in which we fast, pray and raise money to help those who are hungry or in need of help. As last year, we will be raising money for CAFOD and one other charity. This year, we will be joining our link high school, Loreto, to raise money for a Loreto school in South Sudan, one of a tiny number which educates girls. Loreto is hoping to raise £5000 to help build a library or contribute to a Science Lab. All classes will be holding fundraising events, please see below for details:

Nursery	Friday Easter Egg raffle	20p a ticket	Every Friday in Lent
Reception	Spring Singalong for parents	£5.00 to include free CD	22 March
Year 1	Slumber party, film and snacks 5-7 pm	£5.00	March 2nd
Year 2	Disco 3.30 pm – 5 pm	£5.00	22 nd March
Year 3	St Patrick's Day Cake Sale	£1.00 donation.	16 th March after St Patrick's Day Assembly
Year 4	Sponsored 1k a day	Sponsorship	Week beginning 19 th March for a week
Year 5	Fun Fair	£1.00 entry, then all activities free	21 st March
Year6	Fashion Show	£1.00 entry	Thursday, 15 th March

In addition, there will be a St Patrick 's Day assembly followed by a coffee morning. All parents welcome. It will be lovely to see you all there.

Travelling Cross

Each class during Lent will be sharing a Travelling Cross. The box containing the cross also has a candle to light, and a prayer. Please take the time to pray with your child during this holy season.

St Joseph's Penny

St Joseph's Penny boxes will go out tomorrow. These are sent by the Diocese of Salford, and money raised helps the needy people in our local community. If you have any spare change, please can you fill the boxes and return them to school, no coin too small! Many thanks in advance.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your generosity with fundraising. In the last few years, our school has raised more than £6,000 for good causes, this is a fantastic achievement and a great tribute to all our families.

Dog Fouling

This morning, we have had to clear up a large amount of dog faeces from the main walkway outside school. This had been walked in by children. As you know, dog faeces is dangerous to children and can cause toxicariasis, which can lead to blindness. Most parents who have dogs, I know, are sensible dog owners. Please can you ensure that any dog fouling is cleared up immediately, and please inform the school if there is any dog mess on the pavement outside school. It is not strictly a job for the caretaker, however, we do not want to put the children at risk, so will clear it up if it is necessary.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher