



EDUCATION SERVICES

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Dear Parent/Carer

On this beautiful sunny but chilly day, we feel and see the signs of spring all about us. Today is Ash Wednesday and you are warmly welcomed to join us at Mass in Saint Vincent's church at 1.30pm. There is a further invitation to come into **the school hall** on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday during Lent when Fr Romanus will celebrate Mass each morning at 8.15am. The kitchen staff have kindly obliged us and there will be a simple breakfast for all, available after Mass each day. We hope that together we can make this Lenten journey a meaningful time of prayer, fasting and giving to charity as we prepare for Holy week and Easter Sunday on April 9th

Lenten Fundraising

What a marvelous response we had to yesterday's Cake sale for Missio. Huge thanks for your generous support which raised over £334. It has given us a great start to our Lenten Fundraising, details of which has been posted on the app. This is always a special time at school as each week we can have fun while also giving to charity to help others. This year any funds we make will be evenly divided between Mothers Care India where we sponsor 19 children to go to school and SCIAF to support the ongoing efforts to help following the Turkey /Syrian earthquake.

School Visit

Respect is one of our core values and yesterday as part of our work on other world religions we welcomed Ahmed Khweir from the Muslim community to speak at assembly. Ahmed's presentation linked common themes of Fasting and Prayer during Lent and Ramadan and noted the overlap this year as Ramadan begins on March 22nd and ends on April 21st. We will continue this work of developing our understanding of other world religions as we all journey together as people of faith .

Industrial Action

You will have received information on the proposed industrial action next week Tuesday 28th and Wednesday March 1st. We expect that school will be closed on these days.

Parent Council Meeting Online We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the online Parent Council meeting tonight at 7pm Link has been shared on the app.

Kindest Regards,

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