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Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term, is a very special time in school; a time when we prepare for the events that happened during Holy Week (the week before Easter Sunday) when Jesus died and rose again. It is a fantastic opportunity for us to try and do something extra, or different, or give something up to help us to be better followers of God.

During Lent, we will be raising money for CAFOD who are an international development charity helping people overcome poverty.

We will be carrying out the following fundraising activities:

Activities Beginning Monday 2nd March 2026

The 5p trail begins Monday 2nd March 2026

Every class collects 5ps during Lent. We will then count the 5ps in the last week of term to find out which class has collected the most. Please help your child collect 5ps and send them into school in a bag/envelope.

Wear a splash of purple- Friday 6th March 2026

The season of Lent is represented in the liturgical calendar by the colour purple – a time for preparation and growing closer to God. Therefore all children can wear their own clothes with a splash of purple this day. Please note there is no donation for this.

Each class will have an Easter Egg raffle

Tickets will be on sale in each class for **£1 per strip**. The draw will take place in our final assembly before we break up for Easter.

Wild Hair Day- Monday 16th March 2026

Wild Hair Day for a £1 donation. Children wear their school uniform as normal but can style their hair in a 'wild way' using hair accessories. Please remember that hair must be back to uniform policy so consider carefully any products you are putting in your child's hair!

Friday 20th March 2026 – KS2 Cake Sale for CAFOD

KS2 (Years 3 – 6) bring cakes into school. These can be homemade or shop bought. All children in school can purchase cakes, which will be priced from 50p - £1.



Palm Sunday Liturgy – Monday 30th March 2026 9.30am

Years 3 and 4 will lead us in a Liturgy in school retelling the story of Palm Sunday. Year 3 and 4 parents will be invited into school to join us. We will update you on this nearer the time.

Last Supper Liturgy – Tuesday 31st March 2026 9.30am

Year 6 will lead us in a Liturgy in school retelling the events of Holy Week. Y6 parents will be invited into school to join us. We will update you on this nearer the time.

5p trail count up!

Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery and Reception – Wednesday 1st April from 2.00pm

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to make an 'Easter bonnet' at home with their parents that they can bring into school for a parade. Parents will be invited into the playground on this day to watch the children take part in our Easter Bonnet Parade.

The 'bonnet' the children design and make at home can be any form of suitable head wear. It may be a traditional bonnet, a decorated hat or headband. We're sure you will have lots of creative ideas! Last year was very successful!

The parades will take place as follows:

Nursery and Reception at 2.00pm on Wednesday 1st April

Year 1 and Year 2 2.30pm on Wednesday 1st April

Children will NOT be dismissed early on this day, dismissal will be as usual.

Children should bring their 'bonnets' in on this date **Wednesday 1st April** (please do not send them in before this date).

Decorate an egg challenge for Key Stage 2- Wednesday 1st April

Children in Years 1-6 are invited to decorate an egg **with an Easter theme!** Please hard boil the egg or carefully empty the contents before you decorate it, otherwise it could get very messy! We would like the children to bring in their eggs on **Wednesday 1st April** so we can share their 'eggtraordinary' creations with each other over the week! Have a look at some examples below; we can't wait to see what 'eggcellent' ideas the children can come up with!



Please support us in any way you can.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs E. Woodruff