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Newsletter – February 2018

The Season of Lent

The season of Lent prepares us for Holy Week and the joy of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It will begin next week on Ash Wednesday with the celebration of Mass and distribution of ashes in church. Please see the attached information to find out how we will prepare for Easter and support our Lenten Charity in school.
Thank you.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

This will take place during the weeks Monday 26th February to Friday 9th March. The children will be taking part in a variety of Fairtrade activities and Fairtrade goods will be on sale too (more details later).

Mini Vinnie Donate a tin

Please send in any donations of tins or packets of food for the Lancaster Shelter for the Homeless by this Friday 9th February.

Thank you.

School Parking

Please see the attached letter regarding the presence of Civil Enforcement Officers at the beginning and end of the school day and to remind drivers of their responsibilities parking around school.

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

School will close at 3:15pm this Friday for the half term and reopen at 8:55am on Monday 19th February

Mr G H McKevitt
Headteacher

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Lenten Activities 2018

The season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday during half term (14th February) with the celebration of Mass and the distribution of ashes in church.

Lent is the season when we follow the example of Jesus who went alone into the wilderness to pray and fast in order to prepare Himself for His coming suffering. Traditionally this has meant that we 'give up something' for the benefit of others but it is also an opportunity for prayer and reflection. It is a season of renewal.

Lent prepares us for Easter, the most important time in the Church year, when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. Therefore we will prepare for this important time in the following ways.

As a Worshipping Community

Class Worship – You are warmly invited to attend your child's class worship during Lent.

These will take place at **3pm** on the following days;

Apple - Wednesday 28th February

Oak - Tuesday 13th March

Elm - Monday 5th March

Beech - Monday 26th February

Eucalyptus - Tuesday 20th February

Willow - Monday 12th March

Sycamore - Monday 19th March

Weekly Mass – This is voluntary for children and parents and will take place every Friday during Lent (beginning 23rd February) at 8.00 am in church. Everyone is welcome.

Prayer Meetings – These will take place each week at dinnertimes for the staff and children. Please let us know if there are any intentions you would like us to pray for.

Holy Week Passion Play "Hosanna!" (Years 3, 4 & 5). This will take place in church on Tuesday 27th March at 2.00pm and 6.30pm.

As a Caring Community

This year we aim to raise money for Mission Together (the Pope's official charity for overseas missions) who work in many countries such as Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Zambia. Your child will be given a small money box in which they can put any loose monies they have and please send into school by Monday 26th March at the latest.

For further information please visit www.missiontogether.org.uk

This is our main charity fundraising for Lent. Thank you.

