



Tuesday 5th March 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Pancake Day! We have discussed the significance of preparing pancakes on Shrove Tuesday with your child in class today, as well as discussing the significance of this day prior to the start of Lent!

Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday and your child will receive their ashes in school on this day. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and I am writing to you today to inform you of our school Lent project, which we always value your support with. The aim of our project this year is to encourage each child to think daily of God and Jesus, consider others and develop self-discipline by making small sacrifices.

During the forty days of Lent, we will be reflecting on the sacrifice Jesus made for us, before asking each child to undertake their own **Journey to the Foot of the Cross**. This symbolic journey will allow children to follow Jesus' path by completing small challenges and growing closer to Him, so they are truly prepared to celebrate His resurrection at Easter.

Your child will be given a challenge to focus on each week during Lent. Weekly challenges will be inspired by the Gospel readings for that week and will be shared with the children in our whole school assemblies. Your child will also be given a journal to record how they have met each challenge and how they are following Jesus' example on a weekly basis.

Some of our challenges include:

- Making small sacrifices
- Making good choices
- Completing acts of kindness
- Repenting for mistakes
- Making new friends

Your child will keep their journal at school but will be given an opportunity to bring it home during Lent so that you can review their progress in our journey to grow closer to God.

Each year, we reflect on the effectiveness of our school's Lenten project and are always heartened at the children's response, the parental support and the positive difference it makes to our pupil relationships in school.

We thank you in advance for your support with this year's project and look forward to seeing your child grow and develop their faith during Lent.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter.

Mrs Byrne
(Headteacher)

