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Dear Parent

The Month of April is dedicated to the Eucharist and the Holy Spirit

Y1F Class Mass – Friday 12th April

All welcome to join Miss Preedy and children for Mass on Friday. We are ending the 5th week in Lent and Holy Week is ahead – what better way to reflect this most holy time of the year? Class Masses begin at 9:15am.



Wednesday 10th April Easter Bonnet Parade with our Reception classes.

Reception children are preparing for their parading! It is always such a wonderful celebration of joy and new life. The Reception children will be selling cakes after the Parade in aid of our Lenten charities. The cakes are only for the parents who attend the Bonnet Parade. Please support them and the charities as part of the 'almsgiving' that is such a key part of our Lenten observances. Thank you.

School Website (E-schools website feature)

As you will have no doubt seen in the media, all schools are under considerable strain due to reduced budgets. As a result of this and to attempt to save / cut back some of our costs, we have cancelled part of our contract with e-schools (the company who built our website).

E-schools are still hosting our website but the pupil and parent areas - the Virtual Learning Environment that could be accessed at home via individual login details - will no longer be available.

Parents will still have a username and password for parents evening but any curriculum information (spelling and grammar, class saints, homework tasks, communication, message boards, blogs etc) will no longer be visible. Instead, any important information will be hosted directly on the website in the future.

This hosting of information remains a work-in-progress at the moment as it requires some considerable work from our staff. We apologise for this inconvenience but felt we had no choice considering the financial pressures we are under. Thank you for your understanding.

St Chad's Sanctuary

Mrs Collins, mother of Grace and Sebastian, volunteers at St. Chad's Sanctuary and has informed us that they are really short of girls' clothing, age 6-7 or 7-8. If you have any items of clothing that are in good condition but no longer used, please consider donating to St Chad's. Mrs Collins is happy to collect them from school - parent shelter or school foyer. BABY CLOTHES OR SCHOOL UNIFORM are not required thank you.

*"My life is a gift from God.
Never refuse a gift because it deprives the giver
of the joy of giving."*

Lenten Charities

Our children have been very busy and resourceful in coming up with different ways of raising funds for our 4 adopted charities.

YR	Cake sale	after Easter Bonnet Parade - 10.4.19
Y1	Talent Show	Friday afternoon – 12.4.19
Y2	Board Games	
Y3	Crazy Hair Day	
Y4	Athlete/Sportsperson Day	- 12.4.19
Y5	Art/Craft session – making rosaries	
Y6	Cake Sale (inc gluten free) before & after school	12.4.19

AND ... ***Silver Coin Collection***

Next Monday (15th), please send your child into school with a selection of silver coins (5p, 10p, 20p and 50p pieces). These will form part of our class silver coin trails – the class with the longest trail wins! All donations will then be counted and put towards our Lenten charities. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Holy Week 2019 – please join us each morning from 9.30am - **ALL** welcome.

Swimming – Summer Term

Beginning on 7th May (first day back after Easter) our Y4 children will be going swimming. Mr Davis has sent out a letter of notification about this yesterday.

Yours sincerely



Helena Cusack
Headteacher

Dementia UK Facts

- There are 850,000 people with dementia in the UK
- By 2051 around 2 million people will have dementia
- Two thirds of the cost of dementia is paid by people with dementia and their families and friends.

The princess cancer trust

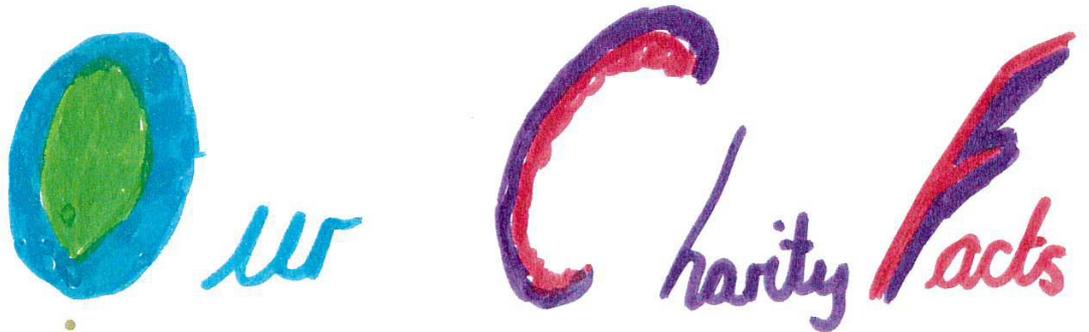
- **Every** year 1600 children are diagnosed with cancer
- One child in every 500 will develop some form of cancer by 14 yrs old
- A round 250 children in the UK between the ages of 0-14 die each year

Pulmonary Fibrosis

- There are more than 200 types of pulmonary fibrosis
- There are several tests that help doctors diagnose P.F
- There is no cure for pulmonary fibrosis

Brazilian Orphanage facts

- In North Brazil, many children are confronted with violence each day
- 3.7 million orphans live in just Brazil
- Almost half of all street children in Brazil die before age 18

Our Charity Facts

