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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well. Further to my newsletter on 24<sup>th</sup> February, I wanted to write to give you some further information about our upcoming Lenten almsgiving activities.

### Stations of the Cross – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm in Church

As part of our Lenten Retreat Day today, each class has used different forms of art to recreate one of the stations to represent what it means to them today. These stations will be displayed alongside those in Church for the duration of Lent.

On Sunday, it would be great if you could come to Church for 12pm to look at the stations together and spend some time reflecting at each one. The children can take on the role of the different people of the time as we follow the way of the cross. If you are able to attend, please complete this Google Form by tomorrow (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>) so that we have an idea of the number of families that will be joining us.

<https://forms.gle/h25vqCkC1N58MWbY7>

### Walk for Ukraine – CAFOD Humanitarian Appeal – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March

It has been overwhelming to witness the donations that have been brought into school following the recent appeal made by the Polish Scout Community. To date, they have taken 2 lorry loads of offerings to those who are currently displaced in Poland. Following these recent events, we have decided to alter our Lenten fundraising project a little and focus on raising money for the people of Ukraine in their hour of need. This will still fit with our original theme of Walk for Hunger, as so many people have been forced to flee their homes leaving them in need of shelter, food, water and medical supplies.

Therefore on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, we ask that **children come to school in non-uniform, with the colours blue and yellow represented.** Each year group will spend an hour walking (jogging or running!) round the perimeter of the Helicopter Park, counting their laps as they go. A sponsor form has been sent home with your child today. Parents are more than welcome to join us as we walk – it would be great to see you. Please see below for year group timings.

9.15-10.15am	10.30-11.30am	1.00-2.00pm	2.15-3.15pm
Nursery and Year 6	Year 1 and Year 5	Reception and Year 4	Year 2 and Year 3

We also please ask that you bring a contribution for a cake sale, which will take place on the playground at the end of the day. Blue and yellow ribbons (made by the children) will also be available priced at £1.00 each.

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### Reconciliation Service – 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Fr Philipp joins the children in Key Stage 2 for a Reconciliation Service on 23<sup>rd</sup> March allowing the children the opportunity to receive the sacrament as part of their Lenten journey. Parents are welcome to join us in the hall at 9.15am.

### Reception Mothers' Day Liturgy, Tea and Cake – 25<sup>th</sup> March

The children in reception are delighted to invite their mummies to share a liturgy with them on 25<sup>th</sup> March. Please note, this is available to reception parents only.

### Year 5 Easter Production of Resurrection Rocks – 30<sup>th</sup> March

Year 5 children and staff have been working hard to bring the story of Easter to life. There will be two performances **for Year 5 parents** – 2.00pm and 6.00pm in the school hall. A letter for Y5 parents with further information will follow shortly.

Children in all classes will have the opportunity to watch the dress rehearsal earlier in the week.

### Spread Hope this Lent

Each year group will be doing something special over the next few weeks to help spread hope to people in our community. See the table below to find out what each year group is up to.

Class	Activity
Nursery	Creating Easter cards for each class in school, delivering them themselves!
Reception	Weaving Easter baskets and making Easter crafts to send to vulnerable people in our community.
Year 1	Litter pick around the local area and leave behind messages of hope on painted stones.
Year 2	Painting pictures on canvas for a local care home.
Year 3	Year 3 are making a basket of origami flowers for the coronavirus memorial in Arnold town centre and planting sunflowers for the people of Ukraine
Year 4	Will attend Monday morning mass and take Easter cards and gifts to the parents and children at Little Lambs.
Year 5	Are making felt hearts to post to homes in the area. They will ask them to hang them in their homes to pray for peace in Ukraine.
Year 6	Year 6 are posting prayer request cards to streets around Woodthorpe. Prayer requests received back will be taken to the Briars to pray for.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support with our Lenten activities.

Yours sincerely,



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