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**'Aim High, take pride, respect all.'**

Week ending Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019: Lent



Dear Parents/Carers,

Your children will have brought home a lent focus activity booklet after our Ash Wednesday assembly with Rev'd Jackie on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

We have been discussing with the children within assemblies (Worship) and as a festival discussion in classes this week the meaning of: Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent for Christians. We have also identified the similarities between the ways in which this season is 'practised' with other world faiths, as well as the discussion that it can also be seen as an act of perseverance or faith, which are humanist characteristics. We have talked about how we can mark this season in our daily acts of kindness and perseverance in school and at home as part of our school values as a Church of England School.

The purpose of the lent booklets is to assist families with discussions at this time of year and to discuss the ways in which we all show perseverance throughout life and are willing to help others at all times.

We would like the booklets to be used throughout Lent, as that is their purpose, And they can then be returned after the Easter Holidays, when the season will have ended. Those children who return booklets which show that they have been used in a respectful way and with pride (linked to our current school moto) will receive additional Dojo's and team points (At the suggestion of many of the Faith leaders in their discussions with staff).

The children have decided that they would like to give Lenten Alms to the Middleton Homeless Charity this year. Therefore, throughout the period of Lent, we are asking if each family could donate one item to our 'charity' basket located in the main entrance- this can be at any point throughout Lent by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April as we will then take it to the charity centre on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April so that it can be used during the Easter period.

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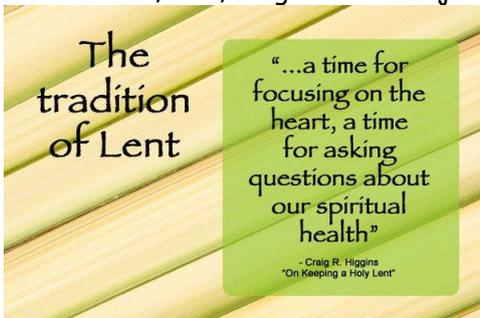


As we are collecting for the homeless, ring pull cans/ tins are requested if possible, items they can eat without 'cooking on a stove,' biscuits, water bottles (unopened), gloves, scarves, hats, socks, toiletries etc.

We will also be joining in with the 40 day challenge of reflections via Instagram focus @biblesociety again if you would like to join us in these acts of reflection and faith.

1 Love	11 Leadership	21 Patience	31 Longing
2 Wilderness	12 Hope	22 Faith	32 Friendship
3 Follow	13 Hunger	23 Lose	33 Still
4 Joy	14 Family	24 Remain	34 Journey
5 Sacrifice	15 Wait	25 Peace	35 Imagine
6 Fear	16 Hospitality	26 Listen	36 Reimagine
7 Questions	17 Breath	27 Endure	37 Search
8 Forgive	18 Celebrate	28 Refresh	38 Deliver
9 Refine	19 Remember	39 Live	39 Give
10 Challenge	20 Ask	30 Retreat	40 Receive

Thank you in advance for your continued support for others at this time of year when we reflect upon the meaning of the most important time in the Christian festival calendar, the values of: faith, perseverance, love, forgiveness and justice.



Kind regards Miss JL Hulme and the Worship team.