



Dear Families,

During this season of Lent, we are asked, as Christians, to focus on three areas to help prepare ourselves physically and spiritually to celebrate the resurrection of Christ at Easter: praying, fasting and almsgiving.

Almsgiving

As you may have heard, the school council have shared information in assembly about their '**Pens for Kids**' campaign. Pens for Kids are a charity that is trying to help children around the world, by removing one of the hurdles on their way to an education - the cost of a pen. They work in countries where parents cannot afford to send them to school, the main obstacles are often school fees, school uniforms, or that the children need to work to help support the family. In many countries education is free, but missing income, uniforms and cost of school utensils like pens are still big hurdles to overcome. The school council have a collection box in the hall for any donations which they will collect throughout Lent.

As well as this, we are also developing our school site as we move through the OPAL (outdoor play and learning) programme. We are looking to **purchase welly storage** to enable all children to be able to store a pair of wellies at school as part of our 'welly library' so they can access an appropriate change of shoes enabling children to access more of our school site throughout the year (and limiting the amount of mud they bring into the school building and bring home!) This is expected to be at a cost of approximately £400.

To help fundraise for this, we are planning a **joint fundraiser** for the **Catholic Children's Society** and our **OPAL Play** with a 'break the rules' day. On **Tuesday 19th March**, children are invited to 'break the rules' and pay a

'fine' for each rule break. A percentage of all monies raised will support the Catholic Children's Society (CCS) aims to provide for *'disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire and the South East of all faiths and none; our sole aim is to help those in greatest need'* and the remainder will go towards the cost of installing welly storage as we continue to enrich our play.

In order to make a donation please pay via the MCAS App. The payment can be found under Clubs on the left-hand side. If you have more than one child attending the school you can select just one child's account to make the payment.

Thank you for your ongoing support to our school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Little
Executive Headteacher

Miss Lally
Assistant Headteacher

Tuesday 19th March

The more rules you break the more money we make!

1. Wear your own clothes and shoes
2. Big hair accessories and coloured hair allowed
3. Nail varnish
4. Temporary tattoos

£1 to wear own clothes with an additional donation of 50p per extra rule broken

