Date: 05/03/19

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Religious Education Programme, This is our Faith, and in preparation for Easter, the whole school will attend a short prayer service every day.

Each week we will focus on a different prayer theme and discuss how this affects our daily lives. A homework task for each family will also be set. This will be discussed further by your child’s Class Teacher and further details are attached.

I would encourage you to work with your child or children in the completion of this series of homework tasks which will prepare everyone for the Easter celebration.

Yours Sincerely,

Nicola Colgan
Head Teacher
### Lenten Homework Tasks for 2019

#### Week beginning 04/03/19

**Decorate a family MISSIO MONEY BOX**

1. Pope Francis has requested that we make MISSIO our Lenten charity. Use the net of a cube which has been provided to the eldest child in the family to make a MISSIO MONEY BOX.
2. Glue the net onto card (recycle an old cereal box) then decorate.
3. Cut out the net and glue together if necessary.
4. Don’t forget to cut a slit in the top of your box to put money in!
5. Begin collecting money for MISSIO perhaps from the money you are saving from giving up something for Lent e.g. chocolate.
6. Your MISSIO MONEY BOX should be returned to the school by Monday 11th March for a showcase at assembly. We will then immediately return to you so that you can use it to collect money for MISSIO.

#### Week beginning 11/03/19

**Lenten Garden of Hope**

1. By thinking about Lent and how, through sharing and praying, we can be a sign of Hope for the world. During Lent, we make a special effort to spend more time doing three things that were important to Jesus: living simply, sharing what we have with others and prayer.
2. We will be making snow drops as symbols of hope and the new life of spring - Using the leaf template on one leaf write or draw what you are giving up for Lent. On the second leaf write or draw the act of kindness their sacrifice will enable them to achieve e.g. giving up a few minutes playtime to pray for children living in poverty overseas.
3. Please return your leaves by Monday 18th of March. We will use them to make a Lenten Garden of Hope.

#### Week beginning 18/03/19

**Wall of Kindness**

1. To link with our core values and the Gospel readings of how we should be kind to each other, the children should make a mobile with the word “KIND” hanging from it.
2. We recommend that you use a cheap plastic coat hanger and hang the letters from this.
3. We will create a wall of kindness in the Gym Hall so that it has a big impact on our children and visitors to the school.
4. Mobiles should be returned to the school by Monday 25th of March.

#### Week beginning 25/03/19

**Almsgiving ~ Donate to a Foodbank**

1. Continuing the theme of living our faith, this week we demonstrate our love for others by donating something to a foodbank. (There is no maximum!) The response we received from the foodbanks at Christmas was very positive and so we would like to live our faith by encouraging our children to contribute again.
2. All items will be given to the local foodbank and we would be grateful if this could be donated to the school by Thursday 28th March.

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**Happy Easter**