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Dear Parents,

In Lent, we walk with Jesus through the wilderness toward the cross, giving us a time of inward reflection, of repentance, forgiveness, and spiritual preparation. During Lent we think more deeply about what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ, to be changed into his likeness, and to follow him step by step.

We are asked to pray, fast, and take part in works of love during Lent.

Thank you for joining us in church for mass at 8.15am on Thursdays throughout Lent. Thank you to Mr Neal for providing the bread for the toast, and to Mrs Lawless, Mrs Morris and Mrs Schofield for helping make the toast after mass.

Thank you to Reception parents and children for helping with the Smartie fundraising activity. Thank you to parents and children in Years 1 and 2 for providing the cakes for the cake sale. Thank you to parents and children in Years 3 and 5 for organising games and prizes. Thank you to children and parents in Year 4 for taking part in the sponsored swim. Thank you to Y6, and to all parents who provided an egg for the Easter Egg raffle, as well as to parents for explaining how a raffle works! Thank you to Mrs Roddy for 'topping up' the prizes in order for all children in school to win something at the raffle.

An approximate total of £1450 has been raised, to be shared equally between CAFOD and Caritas Care. And so, of course, the real 'winners' from all the Lenten activities, games and raffle are the children and families supported by CAFOD, an international development charity standing beside people living in poverty, and Caritas Care, which gives people from all walks of life hope, supporting adoption, fostering, people with disabilities, and the homeless in the north west of England.

This term has been very short, but we have packed in a lot! We have had visits from Dan Worsley (a local author), Dominic (a storyteller), the fire service, a high school student, a representative from CAFOD, Fairtrade Ambassadors; we celebrated World Book Day; the Y4 Samba band played at a charity concert evening; a performance was given by the Big Band; the Y5,6 Shakespeare group visited Gawthorpe Hall and performed for parents; Y1 took part in Boogie Beatz sessions at the Alexandra Nursing Home; Y6 had a science workshop morning; Y3 and Y5 are now all learning the ukulele; extra dance sessions have been given to Y1,2,3 and tag rugby for Reception; Kidsafe sessions given to Y1; a Y3,4 team took part in a football tournament; the netball team took part in a rally; the Y5,6 football team won their league, then went on to win the Champions tournament and the football rally (thank you to Mr Beckett and Mrs Ward)

Thank you, as ever, for all your support,

Mrs G Hodgson
Headteacher

APRIL 2018

9 Start school
23 St George's Day – red house own clothes

MAY 2018

7 May Day – School closed
14-17 SATs week for Y6
17 Induction evening for new reception parents
21 KS2 sports (reserve date 23rd)
25 Close school for half term 3.30pm

JUNE 2018

11 Start school
11 Phonics week for Y1
13-15 Year 6 residential visit to Borwick Hall
20 KS1 sports (reserve date 25th June)
29 Sts Peter and Paul Feast Day – Whole School Mass