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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half term of 2022 continued to be as challenging as any over the past 2 years during the Covid pandemic due to a significant increase in staff absence and cases of COVID within our schools. I want to thank you for all you have done and your continued resilience.

We returned to school last week after half term full of hope for a healthy term as COVID cases have continued to fall and restrictions have eased. We have received guidance that school staff no longer need to self-test twice a week but that if staff or children test positive we should still isolate for five days.

As happiness and hope spread here at home we were alerted to huge sadness, fear and destruction for the people of Ukraine. During this extremely delicate time, we pray for peace in Ukraine and throughout the world. We pray for loved ones who are directly or indirectly affected.

“I make a heartfelt appeal to all people of goodwill to raise prayers to Almighty God that all political actions and initiatives may be at the service of human brotherhood rather than partisan interests.” Pope Francis

Lent

We begin our Lenten journey this week, on Wednesday. Lent lies at the very heart of our Catholic faith and is the season of reflection and preparation before Easter. The three Catholic observances we follow during Lent — prayer, fasting and giving alms — engage us in body, mind and spirit. Focusing on these traditional observances helps bring us closer to Christ ... and to one another.

As a Catholic body we received this message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols:

<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/220227-Pastoral-Letter-pre-Lent.pdf>

He asks for our assistance to encourage everyone to make coming to Church an important part of their pattern of life.



It is an invitation to be actively part of the family of the Church, to find there so much of the strength and sense of purpose that is ours as children of God.

He has also sent a personal video message to our children to highlight the coming season of Lent.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtnIGHmQwww>.

We are very fortunate that Fr Noel has been visiting us at school each week and he is coming on Wednesday to mark the start of the Lenten period leading up to Easter and give ashes.

As a school community we pray:

Loving and compassionate God,

Teach us to show love and mercy to each other.

As we begin our journey through Lent, inspire us to be generous and kind.

Through our joy, patience and kindness, may we help to build a better world.

Amen.

Kind regards

J Johnstone

Mrs. Johnstone
Headteacher

