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Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, step-mothers, grandmothers, aunties, etc.

God our Creator, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility ;

for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;

for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;

for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;

for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;

for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;

for those who raise children on their own;

for those who have lost a child;

for those who care for the children of others;

for those whose children have left home;

and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,

and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,

living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.

Amen

Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **2A on Friday, 16th March 2018 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Email Addresses

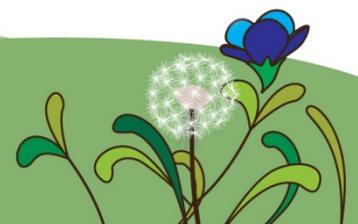
As you might remember we surveyed parents about the best way to regularly communicate with you about what is happening in the school. The majority of parents chose email communication. As a result, we are requesting an up to date email contact for all parents in order put this this system into place. Please complete the attached **form by Wednesday, 14th March** and return it to your child's class teacher. **Please write legibly in block capital letters.**

Year 1 Easter Performance

In KS1, the year 1 children will also remind us of the sacrifices made for us during this special time in their KS1 Easter performance on **Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 9:15 am**.



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Holy Week Assemblies

In order to focus our minds on the Passions of Christ the children will remind us of the very important moments including his death and resurrection in a series of assemblies as follows:

Friday, 23rd March 2018 at 9:05 am - Year 3 Holy Week assembly

Monday, 26th March 2018 - Year 5 Holy Week assembly

Wednesday, 28th March 2018 - Year 4 Holy Week assembly

Thursday, 29th March at 9:05 am - Year 6 Holy Week assembly

Parent's Conference Meetings

The parent's conference meetings for years 1-6 are scheduled for **Wednesday, 21st March 2018 and Thursday, 22nd March 2018**. The parent's conference day for Nursery and Reception will be on **Friday, 23rd March**. There will be no school for Nursery and Reception on this day to allow for appointments with the class teacher and/or teaching assistant throughout the day.

World Book Day - Dressing Up

We have been able to review the school diary and are able to move **World Book Day to Friday, 13th April**. I hope you will join us in supporting this day as it is a lovely day for the children and staff.

CAFOD Lenten Appeal

Poverty is not a part of God's plan. As Catholics we should not give up on the poorest people. The aim is to *'give it up'* this Lent to support CAFOD in the work they are doing to fight hunger and malnutrition in Zimbabwe. The children will have an assembly on Wednesday 28th February, with a representative from CAFOD, who will share the story of Marian who did not have enough to feed her family which resulted in her older son, Tawanda, being malnourished. CAFOD partners trained Marian and her community to set up and maintain a vegetable garden. Now, she and her neighbours can feed their families and make an income. Her youngest son, Svondo, is growing up strong and healthy.

After the assembly, each child will be given a *'Give it up'* envelope and encouraged to choose something like sweets; crisps, or any other treat, give it up and donate the money they save. These envelopes should be returned with their donations by **Friday, 23rd March, 2018 (please note date)**.

This year, for every pound donated to CAFOD, the UK Government will contribute a pound, up to a total of £5 million. Let us work together to take on the challenge *'to give it up'*

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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