



# Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

We have lots of activities planned to engage our school community in the season of Lent. This year we are supporting two Catholic charities; Missio and The Catholic Children's Society.

**Missio** is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission and is also Bishop Richard's chosen charity. We will be using Missio resources in school to help explain this important season whilst also encouraging the children to journey meaningfully towards Easter with daily prayer, reflection and action. On Friday 22 March we are holding a 'dance-athon' to raise money for Missio. On this day, the children will take part in a fun dance routine in the hall and we are asking for a £1 donation. The money we raise will be presented by the Prayer Council to Bishop Richard at the Good Shepherd Mass in June. I would encourage you to use the attached Lenten calendar with your family to make Lent a time of prayer and action in your homes. You can find out more about Missio at [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk).

**The Catholic Children's Society** supports disadvantaged children and families across the South East. They offer a range of services and you can discover more at [www.cathchild.org.uk](http://www.cathchild.org.uk). We will be participating in the Catholic Children's Society (CCS) Lenten Appeal, "Shine your Light". The children will reflect on how they can follow Jesus's teachings and use their talents to make the world a brighter place. Each week, children will be nominated to be a CCS Star, someone who has done something special to be giving, kind and helpful to others.

A donation box will be coming home and we would like the children, supported by their family, to put loose change in the box for doing chores, giving up a treat etc. **Every penny we raise will go directly into the Arundel & Brighton Crisis Fund**, a fund which provides emergency financial assistance for vulnerable children and families across the diocese. The boxes should be returned after the Easter holidays.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions please get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Emma Sharp  
RE Lead