



ST AGNES Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. Half term is almost upon us and it will provide a welcome break from home learning which I know has been a challenge for many of you. I suspect staff will appreciate this break also.

Next Wednesday, **17th February** is **Ash Wednesday** which marks the beginning of the liturgical season called Lent. The season ends on Holy Saturday evening at the Easter Vigil Mass which this year happens on **3rd April 2021**. Lent lasts for 40 days excluding Sundays and reminds us of the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert when he was tempted before beginning his mission.

During this period, we think about how we can do more for others. As a way of putting this thought into action, St Agnes School takes on a Lenten Project. During Christmas you raised £273 for **The Bow Food Bank** and the organisers were very grateful for your support at this really difficult time for so many. We have decided to continue supporting the Bow Food Bank during Lent. Therefore if you are in a position to support, they would be very grateful to receive much needed funds. Donations can be made via ParentMail.

Along with this letter, please find a Powerpoint from Fr. Javier introducing Ash Wednesday, Gus and Tom and also relaying how the parish intends to support the Bow Food Bank by donating rice.

On our return to school on the **22nd February** we will learn more about the Prime Minister's plans for the wider opening of schools. Once we have this information, we will of course communicate next steps to you.

I would like to thank you all for your hard work supporting your child/ren this half term and wish you if possible a well-deserved break.

With best wishes

Ms B McDaid
HEADTEACHER