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'Following
Jesus in all we do'

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Dear Parents,

*'What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived.
It is what difference we have made to the lives of others
that will determine the significance of the life we lead.'*
Nelson Mandela

Today marks the beginning of Lent. Thank you to those of you who joined us for our Ash Wednesday mass this morning. Lent is a time for spiritual rebirth and change, a time for reflecting what we can do to be closer to Jesus. One way is through thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves - almsgiving.

As a school we annually support the Father Hudson's Society. This is the social care agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham. Its mission is to offer services to people in need, in order to improve their quality of life. Christ's command to "love one another as I have loved you" underpins their work with children, young people, adults and families, without favour or discrimination. Today your child will have brought home the collection box for you to put in any spare change throughout Lent, to contribute to this valuable work.

On 21st March, Lucy from Father Hudson's will be visiting the school and sharing the work of the society with the children in an assembly at 10.45am. Lucy will help them to understand how their money helps the society to give the valuable and essential help to those in need. If you are interested, then you are most welcome to come along on 21st March to share in this assembly.

Your child has brought home their special collection box today in which you can collect any loose change or pennies to go towards helping this worthwhile cause. The money raised by the school will be counted and a cheque taken by Year 6, to the Good Shepherd Mass at St Georges Catholic Church in May. This mass will be celebrated with all of the other Year 6's from the Catholic Primary Schools in our partnership and Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College.

Please return your boxes by the end of term, Friday 12th April.

Thank you for helping us to support this local cause.

Yours in Faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

