



## FAITH FRIDAYS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During Lent, we will be holding little activities each Friday, to prepare our hearts for Easter.

*The activities are detailed below:*

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February– ‘Smile Monitors’**

(Pupil Chaplains and Staff Secret Smile Monitors will be on the lookout for people spreading joy by smiling at each other! If you are spotted smiling, you will receive a special sticker!)

Smiling is infectious  
You catch it like the flu  
When someone smiled at me today  
I started smiling too  
I walked around the corner  
And someone saw me grin  
When he smiled I realised  
I had passed it on to him  
I thought about the smile  
And then realised its worth  
A single smile like mine  
Could travel round the earth  
So if you feel a smile begin  
Don't leave it undetected  
Start an epidemic  
And get the world infected.



### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March– ‘Foodbank Friday’**

There will be a shopping trolley on the playground for families to put tins in, to support our school pantry.

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – ‘Laudato Si’ Liturgy**

The children will take part in a liturgy in the sensory room to pray for our environment, families around the world and the ongoing climate crisis.



### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – ‘Go Green Day!’ (& it's St. Patrick's Day!)**

Following on from our Laudato Si Liturgy, all members of our school community will be invited to wear green for the day – to raise awareness for the climate crisis and our environment.



### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – ‘Bring a bulb!’**

By Friday 24th, we will have spoken about Laudato Si' and our environment, we will have raised awareness by wearing green but as Bishop John would say, what have we done about it? We are asking if families can donate flower bulbs or a tree sapling so we can then plant them across school grounds, to meet Pope Francis' Laudato Si call to 'live wisely, think deeply and love generously.'

### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – CAFOD Fundraising Day**

Children and staff will be invited to come to school wearing their own clothes and we are asking for a donation of £1 per family. The GIFT team will then use the funds to purchase 'World Gifts' from CAFOD. (<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>)

### **Good Friday**

We are not in school on Good Friday, but please share the importance of this day with your children and try to attend celebrations in church over the Easter Triduum.

*Thank you for continuing to live out our school's mission statement of being 'Strong in Faith, Hope and Love, for the Common Good.'*

**The GIFT team (Growing In Faith Together)**

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