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Dear Parent/Carer,

Lenten Charities

During this season of Lent, the school has identified key charities and charity raising opportunities.

For Year 7 and Year 8 students, the main charity identified is **Lepra**. For the remainder of the school it will be The Catholic Children's Society.

This Friday it is **Family Fast Day** and money raised will go to **CAFOD** – Catholic Aid for Overseas Development.

Lepra representatives visited the school recently and told us that there are 300,000 new cases of leprosy diagnosed each year, 160,000 of these cases are children. The charity raises funds to provide medication and health education that will help to change the lives of those suffering needlessly from leprosy- just £25 changes one person's future, **your children really do have the power to change lives.**

To help support the work of Lepra, students have been encouraged to take part in a **Lepra Challenge** on **Friday 28th March 2014** as a fundraising activity.

Your child would have brought home a fact sheet and an envelope into which donations can be placed. It has been stressed that on no account should the children approach strangers for donations. It is hoped that they will collect money from their family and friends of the family. Last year students raised £1000!

Please remind your child to bring the envelope in to school on **Friday 28th March 2014** so that donations can be collected and sent to Lepra as soon as possible. Shortly after the workout date we will be able to inform you of the total amount raised so that the children will have the pleasure of knowing just how many people they have helped.

All the children are encouraged to participate in the workout which will be a fun event but with a serious purpose. The efforts of your children, with your support, will make a huge difference to the lives of people who have been affected by leprosy and other diseases of poverty.

Yours sincerely,

J. Heffernan

Ms J. Heffernan
Headteacher