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Dear Parents and Carers

### LENT FOODBANK PROJECT 2026

The period of Lent for Christians is a time for reflection and sacrifice; typically, many Christians choose to give something up during this period e.g. bread, chocolate.

During the period of Lent (Wednesday 18 February until Thursday 2 April) we are marking this by donating rather than giving up something. We are hopeful that children and families will wish to donate items to the Happy Days foodbank.

We have been proud to support Happy Days in the past, and it has been both humbling and uplifting to witness how wholeheartedly our children have embraced this opportunity. Their generosity reflects our core values of inclusivity, love and *koinonia* — recognising that we are called to live and work together in fellowship, supporting one another within our wider community. It is inspiring to see the children putting these values into action so thoughtfully and compassionately.

Over the forty days of Lent, families may wish to put aside an item each day which culminates in forty items for the foodbank. Alternatively, families may wish to collect a smaller number of items during this period. Anything, no matter how small, would be gratefully received. Please see attached calendar for some ideas - no fresh food items.

When we return to school after half term, children can bring in their items each day if they like or at different points during Lent. The final day for donations will be Friday 27 March. The Happy Days charity are supporting us with our foodbank collection and will deliver an orange wheelie bin for us to place items inside. Children will be welcome to place items in the wheelie bin every morning on their way to collective worship. Happy Days will come into school to empty the bin each time we have filled it. Keep your eye out on X to follow our progress.

Happy Days are a local charity who supports and empowers people who are homeless or in crisis. For more information about what they do please visit <https://happydaysuk.org/about/>

We really hope that you can support this project in some way.

Many thanks

Mrs Felicity Goldthorpe

RE Leader



Working with the Diocese of Leeds and the Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale  
*May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed Psalm 20:4*

