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School Vision

At Holywell, our vision is

- to be an **outstanding Christian learning community**
- where everyone is valued as a **unique individual** and where **everyone feels safe**.
- We will aim to be the best we can possibly be, to **treat others as we wish to be treated**
- and to **make a positive difference** to our community and beyond.
- We strive to be **peaceful problem-solvers** with open minds and hearts,
- **living God's love**
- and **being kind**.

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Today is Shrove Tuesday and the traditional time of the year for pancakes! Shrove Tuesday was the day when Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were "shriven" (absolved from their sins). It was often the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast.

This year at Holywell we are approaching Lent in a different way. Instead of giving things up, we are challenging everyone in our community to take on a generosity challenge. It also links very well with our value of the month: Service.

The 40 Acts Challenge

The UK Christian Charity, 'Stewardship' created '40 acts' <https://40acts.org.uk/> – 40 simple acts of service and generosity – one for each day of Lent. We have taken this idea and created our own Holywell 40 Acts Challenge. Whatever your faith or belief, this is something in which everyone can take part and which will help us all to make a positive difference to our community and beyond.

Please find attached the 40 Acts Challenge Sheet. The first challenge is create a 'Giving Jar' ... by collecting loose change in a Giving Jar, it is amazing how much can be collected. Small amounts can make a huge difference to a range of charities. Each class will have a 'Giving Jar' and will adopt their own charity to support during Lent. We've had several requests from students, parents and staff to support a variety of local and national causes and this gives each class the opportunity to do something generous for a cause which means something to them.

There are also some voluntary non-uniform days which link with national events (such as Red Nose Day [15th March] and World Water Day [22nd March]) and one non-uniform day for students to support their chosen charity [3rd April].

We hope that you will be able to support this challenge at home too (you might find yourself in receipt of some random acts of kindness!) and we look forward to a generous month of service and generosity.

Thank you for your continued support.

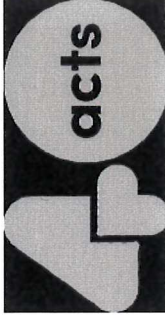
Yours sincerely,
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Headteacher



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1	Create a 'Giving Jar' and collect for your favourite charity W 6 th March	2	WORLD BOOK DAY Give or swap a book. Share your favourite stories and 'get reading'! Th 7 th March	3	Be the first to offer some help today – at home and at school. F 8 th March	4	Family Support! Help out at home – walk the dog, do the washing up, tidy your room – just be helpful! S 9 th March	5	FairTrade Fortnight. Find out about FairTrade, what it means and find out where your food really comes from! M 11 th March
6	World Science Week – Find out about a scientist who has had a positive impact on the world. T 12 th March	7	Make something for someone at school (cake, picture, origami, etc) W 13 th March	8	Be brave by trying something you find hard. Th 14 th March	9	RED NOSE DAY Wear something RED for Red Nose Day and donate to Comic Relief F 15 th March	10	At the start of Fairtrade Fortnight, look for the symbol and buy something fairtrade. S 16 th March
11	Half the world lives on £1.40 per day – can you? Put £1.40 into your giving jar. M 18 th March	12	Find a quote from the Bible (or from another Holy Book) about friendship and share it T 19 th March	13	Clean up day! Wash up, load/unload the dishwasher, clean up someone else's mess, tidy your classroom/bedroom. W 20 th March	14	World Poetry Day Write a poem of appreciation for someone. Th 21 st March	15	World Water Day: Leaving No-one Behind. WaterAid Non Uniform Day – BLUE WATER WARRIORS £1 donation F 22 nd March
16	Give out: Go through your old stuff and make a donation to a charity shop. S 23 rd March	17	St Patrick's Day. This is the traditional day for planting peas!! M 25 th March	18	Write down 5 things to be thankful for and share them. T 26 th March	19	Litter Pick Day! Pick up litter, even if it's not yours. W 27 th March	20	Ask if you can help out – at school, at home ... anywhere safe! Th 28 th March

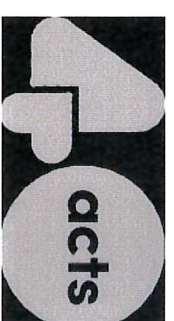


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21 Complimentary Friday! Say something nice to someone today ... not just appearance – really think about something for which you're grateful. F 29 th March	22 Family Saturday. Do something for a family member. S 30 th March (Sunday – Mother's Day & Clocks go forward)	23 Save Energy Today! Turn off anything not in use and be kind to the planet. M 1 st April	24 Give Way To Someone Today! Be courteous and let someone go in front of you, let someone else go first. T 2 nd April	25 Charity Non-uniform Day. Wear your own clothes to support your own class charity – put £1 in your class Giving Jar. W 3 rd April
26 Pray or Reflect Take some time today to pray for others or to reflect on what you can do for others Th 4 th April	27 Church Charity Day Support the local church – make a donation to St Peter and St Paul's Church (School closes for Easter break) F 5 th April	28 Act/Do – Walk or cycle instead of going in the car ... or just walk/cycle for some fun! S 6 th April	29 Set the table and clear away or do something without being asked M 8 th April	30 Have 3 hours phone/computer free and do something with family or friends. T 9 th April
31 Wear something purple! W 10 th April	32 Take and share a photo of something natural that makes you smile – sunrise, the open fields, etc. Th 11 th April	33 Make a collage for someone which shows the value you most admire in them. F 12 th April	34 Plant a bulb! Find a patch of garden or a pot and plant some bulbs or seeds. S 13 th April (NB: Sunday is Palm Sunday)	35 At the start of Holy Week, do something for someone else ... carry something, pop in to say hello, be kind M 15 th April
36 Make some Easter Cards (or Thank you Cards) and deliver them. T 16 th April	37 Get in touch with someone you haven't spoken to for a while and catch up! W 17 th April	38 Maundy Thursday. Today we remember The Last Supper – Give something to the needy or the homeless. Th 18 th April	39 Good Friday Today we remember Jesus' crucifixion – take a moment to reflect while baking or eating some hot cross buns. F 19 th April	40 Easter Saturday Count up the money in your Giving Jar and bring it into school after the Easter Weekend. S 20 th April



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