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Dear families,

We have reached the end of what has been a very busy and unusual first half term. Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their patience, resilience and determination to face the challenges that lockdown has presented. We are very proud of the manner in which the children have continued to learn, whether in school or at home, and are very grateful for your support. Education truly is a partnership between home and school and never has this been more true than the past six weeks. I sincerely hope that everyone manages to have a relaxing and enjoyable half term break.

Next week, we enter the season of Lent. Lent calls us to slow down, to take time to reflect, to pray and to take a good look at our lives and how we are living them. Mindful of the continuing challenges for us all, Caritas is 'resting' the usual St Joseph's Penny boxes this year and instead encouraging schools to consider alternative or creative ways of fundraising. Schools have been invited to provide Caritas with short prayers written by pupils on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. These will be included in Caritas' daily Prayer for the Day during Lent on Social media. You can view Caritas Salford's Lent resources using the following web link <u>www.caritassalford.org.uk</u>.

Finally a reminder that school will reopen on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to vulnerable children and children of critical workers only.** School is closed on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February as it is a teacher training day.

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