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Dear Parent

At Richard Coates CE School we are taking part in a generosity challenge called “40 Acts” across the entire school community, from Nursery to Year 8 and across all staff and volunteers. The principle is simple – instead of giving something up for Lent, we are working across our school community to give generously. Our children refer to it as the “40 Acts of Kindness Challenge”.

All of our children will be guided through the challenge daily with their teachers. We will be celebrating the acts of kindness in celebration assemblies, class based worship and through social media. Acts can be as simple as saying thank you to someone, or helping someone by carrying their bags. Bigger and more time consuming challenges include community projects such as litter picks, fundraising for charities and organising collections for the homeless or refugees. In previous years taking part in the challenge has been transformative and had a positive impact on individuals and their communities. It really is an expression of our school motto, “Let your light shine”.

Each class will be adapting the challenges and making them their own, supporting relevant causes and charities close to their hearts. They will also be considering behaviours they feel need addressing amongst their peers, for example, being kind on the playground or reflecting on their use of social media (older pupils). Please do talk about this challenge with your child – you never know, you might see an extra thank you or an increase in chores carried out at home too!

If you are interested in joining this incredible challenge as a family, you can find out more at www.40acts.org.uk The website shares ideas for individuals, families and groups. And of course, if your child gets involved in this outside of the school day, we would like to hear about their good deeds so we can celebrate their acts in school too.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Heather Cape
Headteacher



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