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Lent Challenge 'Pilgrim Pathways' – February – April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move into the period of Lent, I am writing to inform you about the Archbishop of York Youth Trust's Lent Challenge called 'Pilgrim Pathways'. Many Christians use the time of Lent for reflecting on their faith and the Easter story. Some people choose to go on a pilgrimage, a walking journey that gives them space to reflect and think about their relationship with God and how they can follow Jesus' example and be loving, giving and compassionate to the world around them.

With 6 weeks of content, Pilgrim Pathways will take pupils on a pilgrimage journey through Lent, looking at 6 different items that are important on a walking pilgrimage. Each week will focus on a different item beginning with a lamp and followed with a map, first aid kit, walking stick, shelter and finally food & drink. Pilgrim Pathways will help pupils explore how these items symbolise ideas that can help them when facing challenges in their personal life journey. They are designed to encourage reflection and practical actions that can support pupils' wellbeing and happiness.

For each week of Lent, the Pilgrim Pathways resources include: an introduction to the pilgrimage symbol, Bible links, a short video reflection, 4 practical challenges, and a closing prayer. The Lent Challenge starts with Week 1 on Monday 22nd February and culminates at the end of Week 6 with Easter Sunday (4th April).

An introduction to the Lent Challenge and all resources can be found on the school website using the following link:

<https://www.venerablebede.co.uk/vb-pilgrim-pathways-2021/>

Best wishes,

Mr R Goodman
Deputy Headteacher

