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*'Where Every Door is Opened
and Every Gift Unlocked'*

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Dear Families,

On Wednesday 2nd March, Vicar Andrew will lead our Collective Worship in Church. He is going to share the celebration of Ash Wednesday with the children, which is a very special time in the Christian calendar.

Ash Wednesday is a Christian festival. It marks the beginning of six and a half weeks of repentance, fasting and abstinence in preparation for the most important Christian festival of Easter.

Vicar Andrew would like to end this special service by making the mark of the cross on the forehead of each child, this is traditional at this time of year for Christians. This marking symbolises that Christians want to show God that they are sorry for wrong things that they may have done in the past year. Using a mark on the forehead is a sign of commitment and is also used in many Middle Eastern cultures where a round, coloured circle is marked on the forehead.

This mark will be made with ashes from last year's Palm Crosses. We are mindful of personal sensitivities and therefore if you prefer your child not to receive this special symbol please email the school office account admin@wittonwalk.cheshire.sch.uk or ring the school office before **Tuesday 1st March** to notify us of this decision.

You are most welcome to join this special worship at our Church, St. Helens and please do not forget that our worships are open every week to families between 9.00 – 9.25am on Wednesdays for you to enjoy as part of our school community. For advance notice, our Easter Service will be the 30th March. We hope to see many of you there.

With Kind Regards,

Mrs K Magiera

