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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed your half term break!

### **Matthew 5:38-48**

This Sunday's gospel reading, reminded us about forgiveness in **Matthew 5:38-48**.

38" You have heard that it was said, ' An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. 41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. 42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. 43 " You have heard that it was said, ' You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The children often find forgiveness very difficult. They have a strong sense of justice and feel very aggrieved when they believe they have been treated unfairly. We regularly remind the children that if someone has said sorry you need to forgive them. As adults it is hard to forgive those who have been unfair to us; however forgiveness is the attribute of the strong. We get nothing out of holding on to resentment.

### **Trainer Day**

The Mini St Vincent de Paul group (Minnie Vinnies) raised a total of £321.96 for Trainer Day. Our entire fundraising total from Citizenship Week and Trainer Day was **£909.09**. We will donate £240.00 to the Toilet Twinning project which will mean that 4 toilets will be built in much needed areas; the remaining amount will be donated to the Watoto Children's Choir when they visit on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.



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### Watoto Choir

The Watoto Children's Choir will be visiting us on **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. We will have a joint concert with the children's choir and the St Francis' children at 2:30 that afternoon. **The parents who have been chosen to attend have been contacted. Admittance to the assembly will be only for parents who have had confirmation from the school.**

The choir will be in the United Kingdom performing at the locations below:

1. Lounge- 37 Broadway Stratford - Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd Lunch 12-2pm
2. Emmanuel Parish Church - Tuesday 21st 7.30pm - Forest Gate, London, E7 8BD

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-signs-and-wonders-forest-gate-london-tickets-30523575837>

3. Central Baptist Church - Wednesday 22nd 7.30pm, The Grove Stratford, London, E15 1EN

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-signs-and-wonders-stratford-london-tickets-30523668113>

4. Woodgrange Baptist Church - Thursday 23rd 7.30pm, 345 Romford Road, Forest Gate, E7 8AA

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### Book Week

During the week beginning the 27th February we will be celebrating Book Week; this year the theme is **Classics**. Throughout the week the children will be involved in a variety of activities to promote the love of reading:

- Visits to the local library (so please send in their library cards as soon as you can) we will return them after our visit. If your child has not got a library card then talk to their class teacher who will give you a form to fill in.
- Story swap where your child can choose which class he/she wants to go to and listen to a story
- Reading café/ book club where children share stories and comment on books they have read over a cup of hot chocolate and biscuits.

Lastly but by no means least, our World Book dress up day! On Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017, we will celebrate World Book Day where the children should wear a costume for a character in a classic novel. It should be a character that your child is familiar with so they can tell the rest of their class about the character and why they chose that person.

### Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **4C on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

There will be a class assembly for **1A on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

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