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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Matthew 6:24-34**

This Sunday's gospel reading was **Matthew 6:24-34**:

<sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life[.a]?"

<sup>28</sup> "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

This has been a very inspirational week for us at St Francis' Primary School. We had a staff training on Monday that explored spirituality. We reflected on how we live our Christian values and the messages that are around in the form of songs. The priest who led the day reminded us that Pope Francis tells us "... do not let them steal your hope".

Then on Wednesday we were honoured to have the Watoto Children's Choir visit us with their touching message of hope, love and joy.

As we begin lent this week let us be grateful for all that we have and remember those who have much less material things than we do but are far richer because they do not worry as they are rooted in the love of Christ.



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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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