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Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome back to you all after the holidays. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and prosperous new year. At Christmas through our wonderful Nativities, in school and at church, we all celebrated the birth of Jesus who came down to earth to share God's love with us. So we start 2018 in school with a focus on the **value of Love**.

We introduced our new value by giving the children time to think about who shows us love in our lives and what signs of love we see every day. We talked about the importance of loving ourselves - if we can love ourselves then we can learn to love others.

We thought about what Jesus tells us about love by reflecting on the Bible verse Corinthians 1:4-8

**Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things"**

Over the next half term we will be thinking about the following **Key Questions**

**What is love? How can I show love to others? How can I love others more than myself? How can I show love to others that are different to me?**

Christian love is not just a feeling; it is a way of life. Christian love is giving to others those things that you would want them to give you if you were in their situation -- and it's doing so even if they can't pay you back. In fact, it's doing so especially if they can't pay you back! Christian love is respect for others. It's mercy. It's charity.

Christian love can be really difficult to put into action. Over the next few weeks as we reflect on each key question we will challenge children to show **love** in action through the school day. At home please encourage your child to put others before themselves and share love around.

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." **Mother Teresa**

Yours Sincerely

Sandra Hall