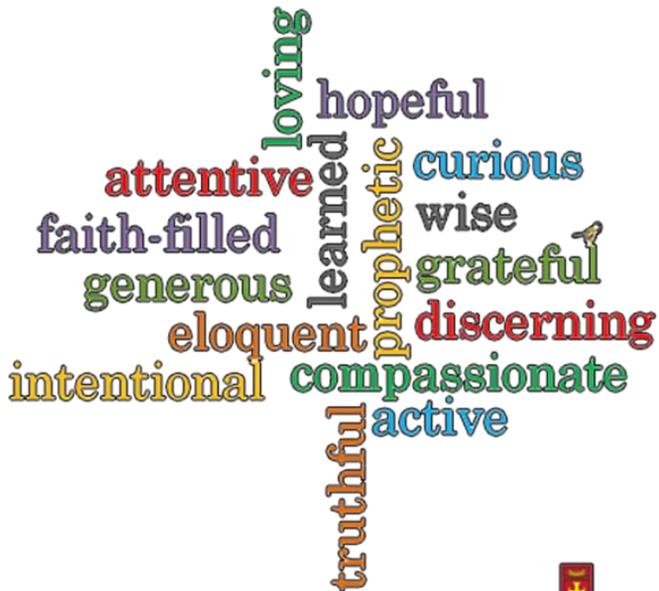




Compassionate and Loving

This half term our focus is on being
 “Compassionate & Loving ”

Members of St Richard Gwyn are growing to be **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by their just actions and forgiving words.



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Compassionate

To be compassionate is to experience suffering or change alongside someone else, it is never enough simply to be attentive: we must allow ourselves to be moved by what we see, especially by the plight of those who suffer.

Loving

Love is something that is learned not by being taught but by having first experienced it for ourselves. It is by being loved that we learn to love.

As a community we constantly strive to show love for ourselves and others through our actions

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- ✓ How do you create imaginative opportunities for your pupils to step into the shoes of others (the homeless, refugees, people with disability, the poor, the marginalized, etc.)?
- ✓ How do you in your area of work raise questions of social justice?
- ✓ How do you encourage our community to show compassion within its own community? Especially to those in trouble or need?

"I give you a new commandment: that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples."

John's Gospel 13:34-35



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Students are encouraged to be compassionate and loving

Examples of how students can be compassionate and loving .

- Be aware of the needs of those around you.
- Show concern for the wellbeing of others.
- Be forgiving.
- Consider the words you use wisely.
- Be fair in your actions.
- Be an active citizen.
- Treat everyone as equals.
- Support charity.
- Give up your time for others.

Staff are encouraged to be compassionate and loving

Examples of how to lead students to be compassionate and loving .

- Provide opportunities for discussion on social justice.
- Recognise God's love in challenging situations.
- Model positive language with students.
- Highlight instances of inequality, and consider how to respond purposefully.
- Consider equitable provision for our most vulnerable students.
- Give up your time for others

'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.'
(Matthew 5:43-44)



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Focus for January

In line with our Year of the Word “The God who speaks” our focus is on compassionate and loving words, encouraging everyone to use kind words and challenging those who do not.

Focus for February

In February we remember the miracle of Lourdes where ordinary people experience God's love and are healed, some in body some in mind by that experience. On the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes we celebrate the World Day for the Sick and so our theme for this part of the half term is being compassionate and loving to those who are sick whether in mind or body, whether near us in our family or our school, or far away through the work of charities such as SVP and CAFOD



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Gospel themes for this half term

06/01/2020 Epiphany Mt2.1-12

They saw the star and how happy they were.

Finding God is true happiness

13/01/2020 Baptism of the Lord Mt 3.13-17

As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove.

God wants to show Himself to us

20/01/2020 Peace Sunday Jn 1.29-34

John said look there is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

True peace is being at one with yourself and God

27/01/2020 Wisdom Lk1:1-4;4:14-21

Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.

03/02/ 2020 Integrity Lk2.22-40

Meanwhile the child Jesus grew to maturity and he was filled with wisdom.

10/02/2020 Racial Justice Sunday Mt 5.13-16

You are the salt of the earth but if salt becomes tasteless what can make it salty again. You are alight for the world.