



# St. Werburgh's C. E. (A) Primary School

*Love to learn, Love God, Love one another*

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear parents/carers,

As you will be aware, on Friday it is Comic Relief. As usual, we will be celebrating with a non-uniform day to raise funds, however this year it will be a little different.

This week, we welcomed Miss Ainsworth (School Leader at our sister school, The Valley) into school for a special assembly. Through her girlguiding work, Miss Ainsworth has developed links with a primary school in Mombassa, Kenya called Kididima Primary School. During a visit there, she had the privilege of meeting the wonderful children and staff and also seeing the value and love of learning displayed at the school. Unfortunately, education in Kenya is not free and many families struggle to afford to send their children to school or can only afford to send them for a short period. The school is also greatly under-resourced and many things we take for granted, such as crayons and books, they struggle to provide. The SMILE (Supporting Mombasa in a Learning Experience) project aims to support Kididima Primary School through providing resources, food, staff and the sponsoring of children to enable them to attend school and receive an education.

Following the assembly, we talked to the children about how we all could help others in our world, which reflects part of our school motto: '*...love one another*'. We were delighted to hear how the children wanted to try and help others in another part of the world to have a better life, which really shows how much they care.

We have decided that we would like to sponsor a child at the school to enable them to receive a year's education. Not only is this a wonderful opportunity to help, it will also allow the children at St. Werburgh's to make a new friend, establish links with a school in a different country and help to make a positive change in our world. Once sponsorship has been established, our children will be able to write to their new friend and see how the money they have raised is supporting them and impacting on their life.

A year's education for a child costs just £120. Therefore, on Friday we will be donating money raised from our non-uniform day to this very worthy cause. Any additional money beyond this total, will be passed to Comic Relief. To help to reach this target, we ask for a small donation of £1 (or whatever you can manage).

Should you have any questions, please speak to any member of the school team.

Kind regards and thank you in advance for supporting this wonderful cause.

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