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Dear Parents & Carers

As you are aware, this year is a Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church. The theme for the year is “Pilgrims of Hope”, and it is an invitation from The Pope to use our Christian faith to bring hope to people across the world. The Holy Father has invited all Catholics to go on a journey of faith and transformation.

As a year group, we went on a pilgrimage to The Phoenix Centre to take some coats for the community coat rail. This rail offers people the opportunity to own a good quality, preloved coat for free. The children felt very happy that they had contributed to helping to make someone's life a little more hopeful.

As a school, we are thinking of ways to bring hope, not just to our local community, but our global community too.

In Year 1 we have talked about the lack of toilets that some countries face, and how we would like to help people in another country to have the same facilities that are available to all of us. We would like to fund the building of a toilet in another country, through the Toilet Twinning scheme <https://toilettwinning.org/>

We invite all children in Year 1 to donate £1 to put towards this fantastic scheme. If any family would like to donate more than £1 then we would welcome your contribution. Year 1 will receive a certificate to display near our class toilets, to show that we have sponsored the building of a much needed toilet in another country. Please send your contribution in cash in an envelope labelled ‘Toilet Twinning’, by Friday 29th June.

Your support in this initiative is much appreciated.

Thank you in advance,

The Year 1 Team

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” Philippians 2:3-11.

