



SO WHAT!? How does this connect with us in S. Peters? Like my son and his bike, we might say of life with God, "It's too much" 'I quit!' 'I give up!' and walk away. Imagine the difference it would make to those around us though if we chose to live life God's way. GIVING UP what we want, what we like, what we think, our rights, our time, our status or possessions to **"treat others like you would want them to treat you."** (Matt 7:12)

As I always say about **the Bible**, **"don't just read it, live it!"** So think and act on this last thought: All Staff at the school have GIVEN UP a lot of their time for YOU. Some organise lessons and resources, others prepare hot meals, or plan after school activities and support you in pastoral care. A whole team of people also GIVE UP their time to make the site secure and keep it clean. In the past weeks however, we have not honoured their work and after lunch especially, classrooms have been left in a mess. How is that Loving Your Neighbour? As christian school we encourage the ethos of GIVING UP ourselves and serving others as an outward demonstration of an inward commitment to follow Jesus. I'd like to encourage you to show how much you care for others by at least putting your own rubbish in a bin and even going the extra mile if needed to keep your class tidy.

I'll leave you with a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have. ANYBODY can put their own rubbish in the bin. EVERYBODY should do it but if NOBODY does it then SOMEBODY else will have to.



Will you GIVE UP this week?

Chaplain's Challenge - GET ACTIVE!

1. **Where do you see people GIVING UP** time, effort and life for the benefit of others?
2. **What is the message** in the story of Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody?
3. **Find examples** of people who GAVE UP their way of life to follow God.
4. **What does it mean** "to go the extra mile"? How would this work out in school?
5. **Share with your form** what YOUR faith teaches about respect or serving others

READ and REFLECT - (referring to Jesus)

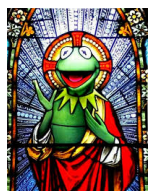
"And being found in human form, he humbled himself (GAVE UP his heavenly status) becoming obedient, willing to go to the point of death, even death on a cross." Philippians 2:8

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we can't really understand how much you gave up in order that we might know God's love for us, but we are grateful that you did. Help us this week, to think more about GIVING UP ourselves and serving others - even if that is a small thing like putting rubbish in the bin! **Amen**



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