



HORSELL
C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

Our School Value this half term is **LOVE**

Our school vision statement

At Horsell C of E Junior School we believe that we are all 'made in the image of God'. Through a commitment to **Christian values** and **high academic aspirations**, we strive to provide a **rich** and **inclusive** education for every member of our school family.

School Values Newsletter

Love is a very important value to us as a school. Love underpins everything that we do. It is very much 'the why' of who we are. We can grow and learn together because we know that God loves us.

What makes love a Christian value? Christians know that God is love, and love comes from God (1John 4:7). Whilst love is important in almost every culture and religion, the Bible tells us that God loved us first. We are therefore able to love because God loves us. Christians believe that it is by understanding God's love for us that we truly love others. This is why Horsell C of E Junior School chooses love as a value.

We see love shown in the Christian story in many ways. Christians believe that Jesus' death and resurrection were all because God loved us and wanted us to be made right with Him again. This was the ultimate expression of love. Almost every Christian story has at the heart of it the love of God. For example, the Passover, Abraham and Isaac, The Good Samaritan, Calming of the storm and so on.

At Horsell C of E Junior School we develop our value of love through: our worship times together; sharing stories of how God and Jesus show love to us; modelling positive interactions and encouragement; caring for God's creation, supporting those in need, both at school, in our community and in our world; and many other ways.

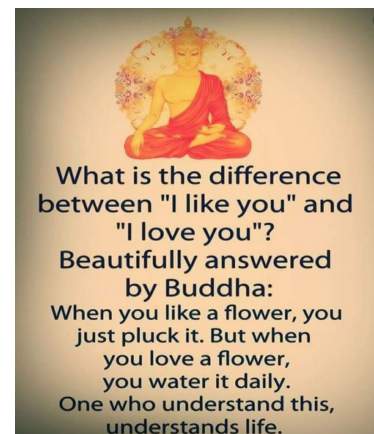


'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

Mark 12:31

'The only thing we never get enough of is love; and the only thing we never give enough of is love.'

Henry Miller



What is the difference
between "I like you" and
"I love you"?
Beautifully answered
by Buddha:
When you like a flower, you
just pluck it. But when
you love a flower,
you water it daily.
One who understands this,
understands life.

Reflection Corner...

You could..

Read this bible story
about Jesus' love for us: The Vine and
the Branches (John 15: 9 –15)

Or

Look through the Lion's Children's Bible
and see how many stories you can find
that are about love

Or

Talk to your School Council Rep/Eco
Council Rep about how we could make
our school an even more loving place to
be

*Love is patient,
Love is kind.
It does not envy,
it does not boast, it is not proud.
It is not rude, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.
It always protects,
always hopes,
always perseveres.
Love never fails.*
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8