



HORSELL
C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

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

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**.

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What does the bible say about hope?

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

When these words were spoken, the people of Israel were in exile for their disobedience. A false prophet had told them that God would help them escape from Babylon in two years' time, and Jeremiah, a true prophet, had come to set the record straight.

He delivers the heartbreaking news that Israel will spend the next 70 years in Babylon. This is not the news that the people wanted to hear.

But God wants them to know that He still has a plan for the wayward nation. As time drags on, they're going to need to hold onto the belief that God isn't finished with them. This hope will help them maintain their stamina in the decades to come.

This story shows that hope for Christians is not wishful thinking but a firm assurance that God can be relied upon, even in the darkest times. We see that most clearly in the Christmas story when Jesus comes to earth as true hope for us all.

Our School Values

Dignity (Autumn One)

Hope (Autumn Two)

Justice (Spring One)

Service (Spring Two)

Love (Summer One)

Forgiveness (Summer Two)

'You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word'

Psalm 119:114

'Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.'

Albert Einstein

In School, we will also be giving Hope to others in our local community by donating items to our 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. We choose to give in this way to ensure others less fortunate than us have access to everyday items.



Reflection Corner...

Draw a picture of an anchor and write, illustrate and colour the following:

- What you hope to achieve this year.
- Your hopes for our country.
- Your hopes for your future.

Please send your reflections to your class teacher so we can include them in our Newsletter.

