



**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 in the New Testament?**

In the New Testament Paul and his fellow prisoners were faced with a dangerous storm at sea. All of them were helpless and did not know what to do. Paul said to them, "I had warned you not to travel . But you did not listen to me; now we are in this mess. You must not lose hope. None of our lives are in danger. We might lose the ship but no-one will die. Last night I saw an angel in my dreams, it told me that I must not fear. All of us are meant to be presented before Caesar and because of this God will keep us safe." This gave the men some hope to continue on with the journey.

We often talk about the difference between wishing and hoping for something. At this time of reflection, it is important for us to understand the difference between the two. When we wish for something, our wish is unlikely or impossible to be carried out. When we hope for things, this could be for something that is possible and likely to happen or be achieved. The Christian message is one of hope. This realised in the birth of Jesus—the light of the world - at Christmas.

In Collective Worship we have been thinking about the Hindu story of Rama and Sita. Rama, Sita and Hanuman represent goodness and light, whilst Ravana represents darkness and evil. As Ravana is defeated by Rama and his army, the message is that with hope and dedication, goodness will win over bad. If we are dedicated, show perseverance and hope we can achieve great things!

*'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.'* Jeremiah 29:11

*'Once you choose hope anything is possible.'* Christopher Reeve

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 a cloud. On it write what you hope to achieve:

- Next month
- This year
- Next year
- When you're an adult

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

#### **Our School Values**

**Dignity (Autumn One)**

**Hope (Autumn Two)**

**Justice (Spring One)**

**Service (Spring Two)**

**Love (Summer One)**

**Forgiveness (Summer Two)**