



**HORSELL**  
C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Our School Value this half term is **SERVICE**

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.

Our value for this half term is **service**. This Bible tells us that Jesus didn't come for others to serve Him, but to serve and help others. We are reminded of this in this verse from the New Testament:

<sup>35</sup> I showed you in all things that you should work as I did and help the weak. I taught you to remember the words of Jesus. He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35-38.

Serving isn't something that we should dread doing. It should be something that brings us joy! During the time of lent, many people chose to take something up rather than give something up. Even if you are taking something on this Lent, you're giving something up – a bit of your time each day. You could reconnect with old friends that you've lost touch with, spend more time with family each day or find another way to serve others in your community. Whatever it is that you choose to take on, it's an act of love and allows you to take on the heart of a servant .

For further ideas of how you can serve others during lent, why not look at 40acts. It is a community of over 100,000 people across the globe who have decided to do Lent differently. For 10 years they have asked the question: "What if Lent could be about more than just giving stuff up?". 40 days, 40 challenges, 40 ways to make a difference. site<https://40acts.org.uk/>



"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

— Mahatma Ghandi

"Everyone can be great because everyone can serve."

— Martin Luther King Jnr.

'How wonderful is it that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.'

— Anne Frank

"Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love."

— Mother Teresa

### Reflection Corner...

You could..

Read this bible story about service:

John 13 : 2-5 Jesus washes his disciples' feet.

**or**

Think of something you can do to service your community, like picking up litter.



**or**

Think of those who serve you in your daily life,. Take a moment to write a thoughtful message and a word of encouragement in a notecard, expressing your gratitude for what they do to help make your life easier. A little surprise might be exactly what they need to lift their spirits.