



Values Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our focus value for the month of **March** is **FRIENDSHIP**

This month, we will be exploring the value of Friendship which we hope will help the children to develop their personal and social skills. Forming, developing and sustaining friendships is an important part of a child's life and the purpose of our friendship month is to enable pupils to practise these skills and foster positive relationships within the classroom setting.

In class, each child has been given the name of their "secret friend". The children have been paired with a peer who they should try to be a good friend to during the week without telling them! At the end of the week, we will gather the pupils and discuss who they think their "secret friend" is and their reasoning. It is really important that the children do not reveal who they have been paired with for this to work!

As part of their home learning, we would like the children to think about what they can do to be a good friend. Please could you support us by talking to your child about their ideas and encourage them to think about things they could say or do. Many children may suggest giving their friend a present and whilst this is a lovely gesture, we would like to encourage them to do something that costs nothing!

Some examples could be:

- Giving a compliment – "That's a lovely scarf", "You were really good at maths today".
- Greeting – Saying "Good morning".
- An invitation – "Would you like to play with me?", "Shall we sit together at lunch?"
- Good manners – "Thank you", "Please could you pass me a pencil?"

Could I also encourage you to let us know if you see any wonderful examples of your child 'living the values'. We always love to hear positive stories of the impact of our work together, both at home and at school. Please send a note in to your child's class teacher or the school office and they will pass anything on to me – I'd love to hear from you.

With very best wishes

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