



Newsletter

Term 2: November 2021

Our Christian value this term is: Compassion

COMPASSION

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value COMPASSION. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT COMPASSION TOGETHER...

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help



THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop



READ TOGETHER...

The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers. "As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:29-31



QUIZ The Stranger on the road was kind....

Change one letter in the word to answer the next clue.

- | | |
|--|-------|
| The traveller was attacked as he walked along the | ROAD |
| Watching from the rocks was a small creature like a frog | _____ |
| The Samaritan _____ the innkeeper to look after the man | _____ |
| The Samaritan acted with courage. He was _____ | _____ |
| We sometimes talk about the _____ of friendship (rhymes with pond) | _____ |
| Wrap tightly with a bandage (rhymes with find) | _____ |
| The Samaritan in the story was | _____ |

WREN CLASS

Wren class have been looking at how candles burn. They observed the flickering flame and the melting wax. Then we made soot by an adult carefully holding a metal spoon over the flame. Somehow the soot got on our noses! We all found looking at the flame very relaxing. We used the candle wax to make some watercolour pictures.

Wren class have enjoyed looking at light. They had to sort transparent, translucent and opaque materials to create a stained glass window. They needed to check they could see the light through the translucent materials.



During Forest School with Miss Law, our EYFS children have discovered the school climbing tree. They had great fun swinging from the branches. Such confident young children.



They have also enjoyed being enjoying some winter sunshine. The days are getting colder so we decided to make bird food fat balls. Thank you Mrs Ayers for our bird feeders. They are stocked up.





The big oak tree has dropped its leaves. The children have had great fun playing in them.



The winter months are drawing in and it has been getting very cold. Forest School enjoyed a hot chocolate after making mini shelters for their teddies.



KINGFISHER CLASS

Kingfisher class have been looking at changes of state in Science. They were solid, liquid and gas. It was hard to keep the gas contained to the playground!



OWL CLASS

Owl class has been looking at their fair testing in Science. We wanted to see which paper towel was the best at soaking up water. They had to think carefully about what they needed to change and what they had to keep the same. They worked brilliantly together and produced their own graphs to show their results.



SCHOOL COUNCILS AND HOUSES

Our wonderful eco council. They are busy sorting our recycling and have some great plans to plant more trees. They are doing a fantastic job.



Our lovely heads of our school houses. Children in school belong in 3 houses: Perseverence, Courage and Respect. At the end of the school year, it's always exciting to see who will win the house cup. They were really pleased to receive their badges.



SPIRITUALITY AND CHRISTIAN VALUES



We have been thinking about spirituality and how we can develop our understanding. We recognise that there are moments in our lives that have a greater significance. Through the symbolism of kintsugi and golden glue, the children have been reflecting on how the ews, wows and nows in their lives can change them. These are the moments that help us to grow spiritually.



Our worship council at North Cerney and Bibury wanted to help parents understand how our christian values are relevant to our daily lives. Bibury children have written this acrostic poem for compassion.

Caring
Willingly offering time and help
You first, me last
Help people who are hurt
Playing with lonely people
Make sure people are happy
Listening to others
Showing sensitivity to all
Being a companion
noticing when support is needed

PETS AS THERAPY

The lovely Zola has been back in school listening to readers. We do love her visits. Thank you so much for bringing her in. Pets As Therapy are great. Zola really helps our young readers grow in confidence.



ARCHERY TROPHIES

Some lovely trophies from our summer archery club. Thank you Cotswold Coaching by Jez.

The children really enjoyed the club, on the last day they had a competition to show off the skills they had learnt.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Our fabulous School Council took over worship on Wednesday 17th November for Anti-Bullying Week. They gave us a lovely presentation on how to be good, supportive friends. Each child was given a blue ribbon to wear, to show we stand together and do not allow bullying.



COOKERY DAY



Wren class had a great day cooking with chef Mel. They made chilli baked potatoes and Parkin. They learnt about all the ingredients and how to safely chop and slice. The smells were lovely. It's always great fun when The Kitchen Club comes to school! Recipes can be found on the school website.



KS2 also proved to be excellent chefs. They chopped, sliced and stirred creating mouth watering delights. Thank you chef Mel @thekitchenclub.



PANTO!!

What a fantastic trip to the panto to see *Beauty and the Beast*. It was brilliant with lots of singing, dancing, booing and cheering. A great afternoon....oh no it wasn't....oh yes it was!!!



NCSA SCHOOL DISCO

Thank you NCSA. Such a wonderful disco, with lots of great tunes and fantastic dancing. We all had a brilliant time.

