



Monks Risborough Church of England Primary School

A learning community- encouraging success, celebrating achievement, strengthened by God.

Thursday 17th November

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the first half of the autumn term the school has focussed on the Christian value of community. Monks Risborough has a long tradition of being a friendly and supportive place for children to learn and staff to teach. By highlighting the value of community children have the opportunity to thrive in a safe and secure environment and develop a sense of identity as part of the wider world. Assemblies have included the stories from the Old Testament of Noah's Ark and the Tower of Babel to demonstrate the importance of working together and those aspects of the school that are shared in common. The school has come together in its Harvest Festival service to think about the community of people at Saunderton Lodge who can benefit from the gifts of others.

In the second half of term the school has begun to look at the value of love. The children have explored examples of how love can be identified through 1 Corinthians 4-8. Acts of Remembrance have been held in school and at the war memorial (with children from Year Two) that reminded us of the sacrificial love of those who gave their lives in the service of this country in two world wars and subsequent conflicts. In Collective Worship, the children have learnt about the importance of caring for all people within the World through the story of 'The Good Samaritan,' as well as further understanding love as a sacrifice through the story of Albert and Albrecht Furher and the painting 'Praying Hands'. The theme of love will continue with a story of Christian love through the story of St. Martin of Tours, who was himself a soldier, but acted compassionately when he saw the hardship and suffering of others.

This half term, please ask your children about how the value of love has been shown at school and help them to recognise examples of love within their day to day lives, for example, filling up the shoebox for the charity Operation Christmas Child.

With Best Wishes

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