

We shine in the light of Jesus

Democracy in Action

Values are things we believe in that help us to make decisions about how to behave. They are the principles that guide our lives. Some commonly held values include thoughtfulness, respect, trust, love, friendship, courage..... There are lots more values and many overlap.

Some values are quite tricky to understand and difficult to do every day; others are easier to spot and simpler to do. Sometimes we forget about the values that are really important to us; we are too busy or we don't actually know what the values are.

Focusing on values is not just something that helps the children to learn when they are younger; it is a set of tools that they will carry with them all their lives. Understanding values will help them to make difficult decisions even when the children are much older.

These values support the development of the whole child as a reflective learner within a calm, caring, happy, purposeful and Catholic atmosphere.

There are many values but our children chose the ones they think should be at the core of everything we do in St Leonard's.

Our Golden Rules are value based and in liturgies we think about the Gospel Values—what Jesus said, what Jesus did and what He told us to do.

"I will show you my faith by my actions" James 2:18

Here are our school values:

We value kindness - We try our best to show kindness to others in all that we say and do, having kind hands and kind words for everyone – even those we find it hard to get on with sometimes.

We share and care.

We value forgiveness - We follow Jesus' teachings by trying to settle our differences, by saying sorry and by forgiving others and giving opportunities to make things better .

We value honesty - We know that telling the truth and being honest is always the right way. We accept responsibility if we have done something wrong.

We value friendship - From the oldest to the youngest, we work hard to be a good friend. We try our best to make our school a happy place to be. We work and play together well, encouraging and celebrating everyone's skills, abilities and interests. We are gentle and we listen.

We value respect - We show respect to others, respect for the school building and property, respect for the values and beliefs of others, respect for ourselves, respect for our Catholic community, respect for other religions, countries and cultures.

We value determination - We believe that through hard work and determination we can achieve the goals that we set ourselves to become the best we can. We never give up even when things are tricky. We always reflect on our mistakes, seek and listen to advice and use the experience in a positive way to do even better next time. We want to enjoy our learning.

We value responsibility - We are responsible for our words, actions and attitude. We can be trusted to do what is right and make good choices. We try to be fair in all we say and do. We all have a responsibility to make our world a better place.

By working together, as a team, we can achieve this.

