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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Exciting New Home Learning Initiative - Celebrating Our School Values

I hope that you have had a fantastic summer holiday and your child has settled well into their new class. At St James CE Primary School, we are committed to providing your child with a well-rounded education that extends beyond the classroom. To achieve this, we are thrilled to introduce an exciting new home learning initiative that reinforces our school values.

**Exploring Our School Values:**

We take pride in our six core values: love, honesty, respect, peace, endurance, and friendship. These values form the foundation of our school community, guide our actions and interactions every day and are an outward sign of our school vision.

**Home Learning with a Purpose:**

Starting this academic year, we are introducing a unique home learning opportunity that encourages students and their families to explore and express these values together. Each half term, we will focus on one specific value, and we invite your child, along with your support, to undertake a creative project that reflects the essence of that value. These home projects are open-ended and can be completed in any way that you desire. If your child is a keen artist, then they can complete the task through art or if they are a keen writer, they can write. The possibilities for completion are endless!

**Autumn 1: Embracing Friendship:**

Our first value for exploration is 'Friendship'. Friendship is a cornerstone of our school community, and we want to celebrate it. To help your child get started, here are some project ideas that you may wish to use:

- Design a poster illustrating what it means to be a good friend.

- Use technology (e.g., create a video or presentation) to showcase the qualities of a good and bad friend.
- Create a kindness calendar, adding an act of kindness for each day.
- Craft a friendship bracelet, bake a cake, write a poem, or create something special for a friend.
- Make a bar chart or Venn diagram to compare commonalities with friends.
- Read a book about friendship and write a book review (possible books: The Rainbow Fish, Sharing a Shell, Puffin Peter).
- Depict a friendship story from the Bible in a creative format of your choice (comic strip, PowerPoint, art, etc.).
- Create a friendship recipe with the ingredients of being a good friend.
- Design an obstacle course and guide a blindfolded friend through it (but please ensure safety precautions are taken!).

Remember, these are just a few ideas to inspire your creativity. Feel free to let your imagination run wild and create a project that resonates with your child's interests and talents.

#### Celebrating Student Work:

We are eager to showcase the incredible projects that will emerge from this initiative so please ensure that your completed projects are handed in to your child's teacher by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Each class teacher will select one outstanding project related to our value of friendship. The chosen student will receive one of our new school values badges, symbolizing their dedication to our core values in a service in church.

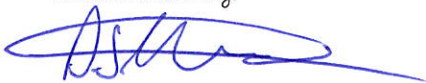
#### Value-Themed Service:

To conclude the half term, we will hold a special value-themed service in our church, where the selected students will have the opportunity to share their work with the entire school community and receive their values badge in front of their parents/carers. This service will be a heartwarming celebration of the efforts and creativity of our students in connection with our school values.

We are excited about this initiative and believe it will deepen your child's understanding of our school values while fostering family collaboration and creativity. If you have any questions or require further guidance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support as we embark on this exciting journey of exploring and celebrating our school values.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr Heather  
Headteacher