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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Home Learning - Celebrating Our School Values

Thank you for your support with the friendship themed homework this half term. We received a plethora of beautiful drawings, poems, stories and friendship bracelets, to name but a few! St James' pupils really do know how to show our value of friendship!

I hope that our friendship value winners wear their badge with pride for the rest of the academic year! But if your child didn't receive a friendship badge, fear not, the next value home learning task begins today!

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:

As previously stated, we have introduced a unique home learning opportunity that encourages students and their families to explore and express our school 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 2: Love

Our School vision is focussed on how Jesus treated other people, with true love, respect and dignity, the epistle of James states, "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." If you really

keep that law; you are doing what is right. (James 2:8). Therefore, our second value for exploration is 'Love'.

To help your child get started, here are some project ideas that you may wish to use:

- Design a poster illustrating love.
- Use technology (e.g., create a video or presentation) to showcase what love means to you.
- Show your love for the Earth (recycling or go for a litter pick).
- Create a love calendar, adding how you have shown love each day.
- Read a book about love and write a book review (possible books: I Love You to the Moon and Back or The Paper Dolls).
- Depict a story from the Bible that shows love and display it in a creative format of your choice (comic strip, PowerPoint, art, etc.).
- Make a list of the people you love and those who love you back.
- Create a 'love' inspired dance.
- Make a card for someone who you love.

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 whilst exploring the value of love.

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 1st December. Each class teacher will select one outstanding project related to our value of love. 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 local 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 Faithfully,



Mr Heather
Headteacher