

Welcome to our termly Christian Values newsletter from our Collective Worship Councillors.

The aim of this newsletter is to tell you all about our chosen Christian Value for this term.



Our new Christian Value is HUMILITY and our focus Bible story is New Testament story of The Roman Centurion (*Matthew 8:5-13*)

Humility is a core Christian value. It is key to how Christians relate to each other. The Bible tells us Jesus taught his disciples what it means to be truly humble by demonstrating and valuing humility. Christians believe that they can serve God by demonstrating humility through their attitudes and actions. This is in contrast to the world we live in where some people say: "look at me, look at me", chasing after fame and recognition and wanting to be noticed. Yet the real 'heroes' are usually the everyday people who care and think of others without a fuss and a need for attention. We teach our pupils that being humble means having a realistic picture of ourselves and to be mindful of the times we do amazing things as well as the times we don't succeed; it is about trying to think about others before you think about yourself and about being humble enough to ask and accept another person's help. We are careful to ensure that our pupils know it is acceptable to celebrate an 'Agent of Change' accomplishment or their own personal achievements, for example in our weekly 'Golden Book' Collective Worship.



READ TOGETHER

Flavius was a Roman centurion and a powerful man in the town of Capernaum. But Flavius was also a humble man. The Romans had conquered Jesus' country and now everyone had to pay taxes to them and abide by the strict laws that the Romans had passed to govern them. Now Flavius had a servant, a kind, loyal and hardworking man. Flavius was very fond of him. One day the servant fell ill, the next day he was worse and hardly able to move. The next day, Flavius even thought the servant might die! He was distraught. There is only one chance, thought Flavius. I have heard the people speak of a man called Jesus who is somehow able to heal the sick. Even though I am an important man, I know that Jesus has a power that I will never possess. Without delay, he sent his friends to beg Jesus to come and make his servant well again. Jesus felt very sad when he heard the story and started out for Flavius' house, but before he arrived he was met by some messengers. "Sir" they said to Jesus, "Flavius has sent us to give you this message." "I do not deserve to have you come to my house neither do I consider myself worthy to come and meet you. I beg you just give the order and I know my servant will get well." Jesus was amazed at the faith and humility that Flavius had shown. "Even my own people do not show faith like this." When the messengers returned they found Flavius and his whole household celebrating because the servant had been miraculously healed!



"Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will lift you up."

(James 4:10)



FASCINATING FACTS

Have you ever heard the saying to 'eat humble pie'?

- ◆ When someone 'eats humble pie' it means they have to admit to being wrong and sometimes give an apology
- ◆ The phrase has been around for six centuries - that's 600 years!
- ◆ Back in the 15th century the tastier, more expensive cuts of meat were usually only eaten by rich people and were often roasted
- ◆ The offal (liver, kidneys, heart and sweetmeats) was considered poorer quality meat and known as 'umbles'. It needed to be cooked more slowly and was often used in pies
- ◆ The poorer people therefore made Umble Pie. Over time the pie became known as **humble pie**

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less," (C.S. Lewis)