

Welcome to our second Christian Values newsletter from our Collective Worship Councillors.  
The aim of this newsletter is to tell you all about our chosen Christian Value  
for Term 2.

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## FRIENDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Our focus Bible stories are about Jesus and his best friend John, the Apostle which can be found throughout the New Testament..

The Bible is full of examples of friendship and this is why friendship is such an important Christian Value for our Trust. Jesus gave us a definition of love and friendship in John 15:13 - to lay down one's life for one's friend. As children we spend more time with our friends than with our family, we celebrate with our friends, we eat and drink with friends, we take holidays with friends and we are there when a friend is in need. Jesus didn't just talk about friendship, he acted it out throughout his life. Jesus was the friend of sinners and he showed them mercy, sympathy, forgiveness, love and charity – he modelled what it is to be a good friend. He is our model for friendship because he loved and was a friend without limits. We use Jesus' model of friendship to teach, encourage and inspire our pupils to be the best friend they could possibly be to others. Across the Trust we have a Friendship Week rather than Anti-Bullying Week (14th - 18th November) every year but the importance of friendship as a Christian Value is woven throughout the time our pupils are with us from Reception to Year 6.



Friendship bracelets are usually handmade and given to a special friend. According to American tradition you must wear the bracelet until the cords break and it falls off naturally. In this way you honour the love and hard work your friend put in to making it.

Use your imagination to make the best friendship bracelet ever – using knotting, threading beads, twisting ribbon, whatever you can think of. The more original the better! We would love to see your creations in school before you give them to a friend.



A prayer for friendship to share  
Loving God,  
Bless my life with the gift of friendship.  
For those who have chosen to be my  
friends, I am grateful.  
Let our love, respect and affection for  
each other flourish.  
Make me a good friend, one who is loyal  
and caring and ready to forgive.  
To you, who are our truest friend, I pray.  
Amen

'Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.' John 15: 13-14 (Jesus' words at the Last Supper)



Talk about FRIENDSHIP together

Learning to be a good friend, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime. Talk together about how friends come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

