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Thoughtfulness

Our School Value for December

Dear Parents and Carers,
This month we are focusing on the Value of **Thoughtfulness**, which fits in beautifully with the focus being on Christmas.

Being thoughtful means making ourselves aware of the needs and feelings of others and then taking action to help them. It means taking the time to stop thinking about ourselves, to put the spotlight on somebody else's needs and to think. " **What can I do to make that person's life a little better or easier?**"

So why should we be kind and thoughtful to others? One **ENORMOUS** benefit of doing so is that it encourages other people to act in the same way.

Amelia Earhart (American pilot) once said:

"No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves."

The video link below illustrates this so beautifully in a way that children can understand how important it is to be kind and thoughtful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwelE8yyYOU>

In assemblies and in class we will be reflecting on:

- Understanding what it is to be thoughtful;
- Considering the quote 'Treat others the way you want to be treated' and reflecting on its meaning;
- Being mindful of others - their needs and feelings and putting these before our own;
- Reflecting on what we have done that is thoughtful especially at Christmas time:

Thought for the month:

Maybe **CHRISTMAS**,
he thought.
doesn't come
FROM A STORE.
Maybe **CHRISTMAS**,
perhaps, **means**
A LITTLE BIT MORE.
~ **The Grinch** ~

If you would like any further information on our Values Education Programme please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Best Wishes

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