



Promotion of British Values at

St Mary's CE First School

At St Mary's CE First School we value the diverse backgrounds of all our children, our families, staff and governors.

Democracy

- Head Boy and Head Girl are voted for by the pupils after presentations to their peers in class
- School council members are voted for by their peers following discussion about what makes a good and productive council rep.
- Classroom expectations have been discussed with pupils who suggest ways in which their learning time can be maximised. We help pupils to distinguish right from wrong, to encourage pupils to listen to the views of others even if they are different from their own.
- Pupil voice is encouraged and acted upon. Where possible we have supported charity events following requests from pupils.
- Circle time in class encourages pupils to listen to the views of others.
- Pupils have had the opportunity to listen to local councillors who have spoken to them in assemblies about the role that they play.

The Rule of Law

- The importance of laws, whether they are those that govern the class, the school, or the country is consistently reinforced throughout regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and throughout school worship, assemblies or form time.
- Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibility that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken.
- During the year we welcome visitors from the wider community including the police, First Responders and St John's Ambulance along with other key groups. They are able to give pupils valuable advice on their own safety and the need to follow rules.

Individual Liberty

- Within the school, pupils are encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. At St Mary's we educate and provide boundaries for pupils to make choices safely through the provision of a safe environment and empowering education.
- Residential opportunities are offered to all pupils in Year 4 to develop skills of independence, teamwork, determination and challenge.

Mutual Respect

- Respect is one of our seven Christian values chosen by pupils, staff and governors and along with our motto is represented on the school vision and values.
- Pupils at St Mary's recognise that respect is made up of 3 parts:

I will always listen to other pupils and teachers

I will support my peers by understanding their abilities and needs

I will only speak at appropriate times

- Friendship day at St Mary's focuses on what it means to be a friend and encompasses other Christian values including forgiveness and trust. A class shield or banner is produced by the pupils to sum up what they have learned and promoted their understanding of friendship at St Marys.

Faiths and Beliefs

- Wheaton Aston is situated in a local area which is not culturally diverse, but is near to cultural diverse communities such as Wolverhampton. Therefore we are placing more emphasis on promoting diversity within the school curriculum. This has included visits to Blue Cote Primary School in Walsall to allow pupils in Years 3 & 4 to have the opportunity to be involved in a more multi-cultural community school and the diverse cultures within it. The festival of Divali was celebrated in school with the help of Bangra dancers who wowed the pupils with their artist performance.
- Chinese New Year is also celebrated, with pupils producing traditional lanterns.
- Languages Day and Spanish Day give pupils the opportunities to immerse themselves in other cultures and adopt a different view of the world around them. In a global society, the school recognises the need for all pupils to be prepared for the world around them and the new challenges that they will face.

Worship

- Understanding of others is embedded within all subjects, particularly RE, enabling pupils to gain an enhanced understanding of the place of religion in a multi-faith world and their own place in a culturally diverse society.
- Visits to the National Memorial Arboretum and the school's remembrance service offer pupils the opportunities to reflect and remember those people whose sacrifice have allowed them to have the liberties that they now hold dear.

Charity Events

- The pupils of the school support a number of charities (often suggested by the pupils themselves) which include Children in Need, Red Nose Day and a Brain Cancer Charity.

Further developments – 2016-17

- Extend our visits programme to places of worship to enhance pupils understanding of other faiths
- Give pupils more opportunities to vote in school on a range of important issues.

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