

Church of England Vision for Education:

Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good.

FAWKHAM C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR VISION STATEMENT

John Chapter 10 Verse 10 – I came that you may have life; life in all its fullness

Our Fawkham Family helps everyone to:-

- Follow in the footsteps of God, with God's love, help and guidance,
- Know that we are all special and different and that God has created us in this unique way
- Feel safe, happy and confident in our loving caring Christian family
- Work together through the living out day by day of our Core Christian Values
- Try our best, with the light of Jesus inspiring us to be the best that we can be ensuring that we flourish

In order to achieve this

Our Fawkham Family work in partnership with each other to:

- Promote and model our core Christian values through worship and our holistic Christian ethos, living out our faith in God.
- Guide, nurture and support all members of our Fawkham Family
- Celebrate all achievements in our life-long learning journey
- Provide the best education; academically, morally, socially, culturally and spiritually through the teaching of a bold and creative curriculum in an exciting environment and atmosphere that stimulates, encourages and enables all to succeed
- Work in partnership with our local and global communities

Our school vision is deeply rooted within theology from the Bible; using the way that Jesus knew that learning through stories was a highly effective way to share and teach the word of God. Our Fawkham Family have chosen six Bible stories that embody our vision through our Core Christian Values. We ensure that everyone in our Fawkham Family has the opportunity to learn and grow through our shared understanding of how the **BIBLE STORIES** guide and empower us through the love of God. Furthermore, we have identified **BIBLICAL VERSES** that assist us in our understanding of the guidance of God linked to our **CORE CHRISTIAN VALUES**.

Our chosen Biblical stories and verses are:-

- **Mark 6:30-44** Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand - **Care** - **Luke 6:31** Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.
- **Daniel 6** – Daniel and the Lions' Den - **Respect** - **Romans 12:10** Love one another warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another.
- **Luke 19:1-10** – The story of Zacchaeus the tax collector - **Honesty** - **Proverbs 21:21** Be kind and honest and you will live a long life; others will respect you and treat you fairly.
- **Ruth 1:16-17** – The story of Ruth and Naomi - **Friendship** - **Proverbs 12:26** The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- **Genesis 2:19** - God gives human beings the responsibility of caring for the world and of naming the animals – **Responsibility** - **2 Timothy 1:7** For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
- **Genesis 25:19-24**) Jacob and Esau - **Forgiveness** - **Ephesians 4:32** And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.

Jesus showed his love and care for all when he fed the five thousand gathered to hear him speak. In all aspects of our school life we show care for one another both through what we say and what we do, children are able to articulate this in a meaningful way. Jesus treated everyone the same, everyone was given both bread and fish to eat, giving each person sustenance as well as valuing each person for their uniqueness and special God given qualities. This is paramount to us, the members of our Fawkham Family are all different

and we pride ourselves on caring for each and every one of them, from children playing with children of all ages, helping one another and learning together on house team days, to staff giving up their personal time to care for children whether through the extra curricula activities they provide, through caring for children who are unwell, to supporting children with their speech and language therapy and physiotherapy. We strive to ensure sustenance for all of our Fawkham Family, who feel safe, nurtured and whose levels of well-being are high, thus enabling us all to flourish.

The story of Daniel in the Lion's Den showed the lack of respect that leaders had for Daniel and his beliefs, these leaders also lacked respect for the judgement of King Darius who favoured Daniel. The consequences of their lack of respect were monumental. Children's and adult's views are always being sought and valued within our Fawkham Family, no-one is judged but everyone is accepted for who they are, recognising God made us all different that we might rejoice in our differences. In collective worship we often talk about respect and how we show this for one another such as congratulating children who are awarded the weekly class Effort Cups or the winning House Team, listening to one another during debates and discussions in lessons and ensuring everyone's ideas are valued when engaging in talking partner work, displays are interactive inviting and welcoming children contributions. Daniel showed wisdom, extreme bravery and total belief in God when he was thrown into the lion's den. Within our Fawkham Family we develop wisdom and encourage everyone to be morally brave, to have a voice and to use it which is why our pupil led leadership groups play such a crucial role in our school. All of our leadership teams lead assemblies and acts of worship, our leading Lights team plan and lead worship as well as supporting children every day in Worship. Our creative curriculum encourages children to ask and seek answers to big questions in the firm belief that these questions and the children's ideas are valued by all. An understanding of diversity empowers us all to gain respect for each other.

When Jesus met Zacchaeus his disciples and followers felt that he shouldn't have spent time with him as Zacchaeus was a dishonest tax collector. The followers were quick to judge and didn't give Zacchaeus a chance. Everyone is valued in our Fawkham Family we help every learner regardless of their starting points and any barriers there may be to learning to achieve. We strive to extend our knowledge of how to help all vulnerable groups to flourish and reach their full potential. Jesus gave Zacchaeus time and attention, this resulted in him seeing the way of the righteous and reforming. He was honest with himself and others. Children in our Fawkham Family know the importance of honesty and always seek to be so even when things are difficult. They own up when they have misbehaved and are repentant knowing that God will forgive them and continue to love them. They speak freely in PSHE lessons, feeling confidence to voice their personal opinions and often sharing things with their peers in the certain knowledge that their honesty in sharing their thoughts, feelings and experiences will be respected and embraced by their peers and staff alike.

Naomi wanted to return to Israel as she truly believed that the community they would welcome her with open arms, she had a strong faith in God that this would be the case even though hardship through famine had caused her and her family to leave many years before. Just as Naomi discerned God in the midst of difficult times, so do we as a school community. When a sibling of one of our children died our community used prayer and our belief in God to help us through. As we learn about communities who are not as fortunate as us both locally and globally we act to help them having faith that God will help us in our endeavours to address injustices within our wider community and globally, such as through our work with the local Foodbank in West Kingsdown, making and sending gifts through The Samaritans Christmas Shoebox Appeal in addition to raising money for different charities.

Ruth accompanied Naomi back to Israel, demonstrating a love and friendship that was complete and a faith in God that she would be accepted by her new community. Through the beacon of God's love we develop wonderful friendships within our Fawkham Family. It is wonderful to just sit and observe members of our family as they interact showing such friendship for one another. Our youngest children learn alongside their friends at Russell Court Nursing home and have developed wonderful relationships with them. The children have loved the introduction this year of everyone having a buddy across the school, they meet regularly and have spent time reading together exchanging letters with one another and supporting one another's learning such as on National Outdoor Learning Day when the Play Leader Team and the Eco Team planned a whole school outdoor learning day. The children loved spending time with their buddy and were in awe of God's wonderful creation as they planted bulbs, cleared woodland, made a bug hotel, spruced up areas of our school environment, spent time doing nature art and toasting smores over a camp fire in our beautiful woodland.

God gave us the responsibility of naming the creatures of the wonderful world that he created for us and of caring for the world. Reflection in our collective worship time is often used within in our Fawkham Family to consider our responsibilities to ourselves, our Fawkham Family, our own families and within our role as citizens within our world. Staff within our Fawkham Family take extremely seriously their responsibilities to provide all children in our school with the very best education possible, one that with God's guidance, builds upon children's interests and talents and opens up new ideas and encourages a growth mindset.

Our Christian Vision expressed through our Core Christian Values ensures that we have [life, life in all its fullness John 10:10](#). We fulfil our potential which is at the heart of our Fawkham Family here at Fawkham Church of England Primary School. Attainment and achievement standards each and every year is evidence of this.

Together, with God's guidance and love we will achieve all this.

Written in consultation with staff, governors, parents and children