



7<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the last year the Governors have developed a new committee which is made up of our foundation governors (those governors who have been appointed by the Parochial Church Council) and this committee has worked with staff to re-visit the school’s vision and values.

The children have played an important part in this process too and their views about which values are important to them were particularly useful. The children have a good understanding of our vision and how this vision is rooted in our Christian foundation. Our vision statement is:

**Abbots Ripton Church of England Primary School creates a firm foundation where together, with God’s help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.**

We are a school where we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith, helped with the encouragement of Paul's words in Colossians 2: Keep your roots deep in Jesus and have your lives built on him. We use the parable of the mustard seed in Matthew 13 to teach the children about the power of small acts; that even the smallest of actions can make a big difference. They understand that they form a small part of their class, their school, their community, the UK and the wider world but their actions can permeate this.

The Values which are focussing on this academic year are as follows:

Autumn 1 2019	Autumn 2 2019	Spring 1 2020	Spring 2 2020	Summer 1 2020	Summer 2 2020
Faithfulness	Thankfulness	Hope	Empathy	Honesty	Compassion

The first home learning task for this half term is for the children (and families if you wish to be involved) to create something which represents our school vision or which represents one of our values. This could be in the form of a 3D model, a poster, photographs, a poem, or prayer. Please do be adventurous as we hope to display these alongside our new vision and values board in the entrance corridor at school.

Please send this home learning in to school by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January and indicate whether this has been an individual or family project.

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing your creations!

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