

Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As part of our Values Based Education initiative, during the month of October we shall be studying the value of Equality. As always, the introductory assembly is on the school website :<http://www.stillness-inf.lewisham.sch.uk/>

Please take a few minutes to look at the assembly. We hope that the pictures and questions in it will help you to engage with your child and support their learning in school. There is a 'Values Based Education' section on the website, where you can access all of the values assemblies and newsletters should you wish to revisit any of the themes.

Equality is a simple concept but also has the potential for deep understanding. As we explore it with the children, we will discuss respect and fairness, diversity in our society, considering our similarities and differences. As it is Black History Month, we will also make links here.

In the light of Black Lives Matter, the school is currently undergoing a period of reflection, education and change as we reconsider all of our practices under this spotlight. This week, the teachers had a fantastic development session on 'Decolonising the Curriculum.' As adults we will be using the value of Equality on our own personal journeys.

Never before have we needed our set of values so much, using them as principles to guide our learning and behaviour. Never before has it been clearer that our values are not just for the children. We hope you are seeing the benefit of them too as parents.

With very best wishes

The Stillness Staff