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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first 'Values Newsletter' of the new academic year. We start the year with enormous pride at achieving the Values-Based Education Quality Mark and we are looking forward to continuing our Values journey by supporting other schools.

For parents new to the school, and as a reminder for everyone, please find attached our 22 Values and a letter introducing Values Based Education to parents new to the school. Focussing on these values helps create a strong learning environment that enhances academic attainment, and develops children's social and relationship skills to succeed at school and throughout their lives. Please have a look at the Values Based Education website for more information: www.valuesbasededucation.com

In September we are focussing on the value of 'Manners'. This links to one of our coer values-Respect. It seems like a small thing, but we believe that good manners are important in life, in order to show respect and consideration and to make everyone feel cared for. By teaching manners explicitly, we can help children understand these deeper values which will support their social development throughout their lives.

The Values Assembly was held last week outlining some ideas about manners and giving the children some questions to think about back in class.

We would love to hear any anecdotes about good manners being shown at home so please do write in the leaf template attached to let us know about it. We will use the leaves to create a Tree of Good Manners in the hall.

As adults, we are going to be living this value, remembering:

Many Thanks, The Stillness Staff

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