

Wednesday 13th September 2017

Dear Reception Parents/ Carers,

You may already know that Stillness Infant School uses a Values-based Education approach to teaching and learning. Focussing on our 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.

The positive learning environment is achieved through the values being modelled by the entire school community, so that’s everyone– including our parents!

The staff worked together to select a set of 22 values that embody the spirit of Stillness Infant School. Each month, we teach a value through assemblies, displays and everyday interactions with the children, actively modelling that value and referring to it throughout the day.

When we engage with values we start to understand their implications for making choices about our attitudes and responses. A Values-based approach encourages reflective and aspirational attributes and attitudes. These can be nurtured to help people discover the very best of themselves, which enables them to be good citizens and prepare them for the life of work.

We will send a newsletter each month containing information about the 'Value of the Month' so that you can use this at home. We have recently completed a cycle of the 22 values and we are looking forward to teaching the new values of Community, Empathy and Teamwork. We will begin the new school year with the value of Manners.

Please have a look at the Values Based Education website for more information:  
[www.valuesbasededucation.com](http://www.valuesbasededucation.com)

Many Thanks,  
The Stillness Staff