



Dear Families,

The character values, which the children are learning about this month, are Respect and Tolerance. We have talked to the children about what these values might look like in day to day practical terms, and how they can be respectful and tolerant, both at school and at home.

The children are very respectful in school, particularly towards adults and each other. Unfortunately, over the last couple of weeks, we have had some incidents of equipment in school being deliberately broken, and children taking home school resources (without permission) in their bags and pockets.

The staff work incredibly hard to provide inspiring learning opportunities, with teachers spending a great deal of time and effort (and their own money sometimes!) preparing and sourcing equipment. I have spoken to the children today about taking care of our things in the same way that we take care of each other, and how lucky we all are to learn in such a wonderful, new school with fantastic resources. Hopefully there will be no more incidents like this, but if there are then I will be contacting parents directly to pay for any equipment that their child has deliberately broken or damaged.

### Kitchen Assistant Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy to join our kitchen team. The position is 7.5 hours per week (12-1.30pm Monday to Friday). If anyone is interested, please collect an application form from the school office.

### Character Education Conference

Last week, Miss Rodway and I travelled down to London for the National Character Conference run by the Association of Character Education. I was extremely honoured to be asked to speak at the conference about our school journey, how we introduced character education, and the positive impact it has had on the pupils and the staff. We are delighted to now have a Character Education section on our website, which includes testimonials from staff describing the impact on them and the children...its definitely worth a read!

We will be rescheduling the parents Character workshop, which we had to cancel a few weeks ago, for early January so if you would like to find out more about the programme then please pop along!

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