

“Virtues to Live by”

“Our educational work should have a purpose: to elicit a change in our students, to make them grow in wisdom, to help them undergo a transformation, to provide them with knowledge, with new feelings and, at the same time, achievable ideals.”

(Pope Francis 2013)

Autumn Term:

LOVE OF LEARNING

Blessing

Spirit of God, you guide us and light our way.

Bless our school community as we gather to reflect on the importance of the love of learning. Open our hearts and minds anew today so that we are inspired afresh to learn.

Bless all our pupils with a constant desire to learn.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER:

God our Father, you give each one of us a capacity to desire to learn, to seek and discover new things.

It is a beautiful gift that can lead us closer to you and each other.

May we never waste this gift to learn and but work hard to accept the responsibility we all have to keep learning every day.

May we always seek your truth in all we do.

Through our Lord, Jesus Christ Your son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

READING:

Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalm 25: 4-5

REFLECTION

What is it for me to learn?

To see life in a new way, to ponder, to wonder, to question, to seek an answer, to widen my view of life, to see its amazing abundance every morning anew.

To stop, to listen, to be changed. To experience my life anew, to grow into the person I was created to be.

To be brave, to be different, to try something new, to make mistakes and try again.

And what is love of learning for me?

To be fully alive, to love every opportunity to learn, to know there is always more to learn and to enjoy the journey!

How often do I ponder each day, or stop and think about what I can see and hear?

How often am I amazed at the wonder of life and seek to know more about it and it's Creator, our loving Father.

LIVING OUR VIRTUE

Inspire each one of us that we may help our children to:

- want to learn new things
- be excited and enthusiastic to learn
- enjoy learning
- be open minded
- give time to learning
- search for the truth
- know what I want to achieve

May we support our children in recognising opportunities for growth so that they can make the most of the opportunities life presents.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God our Father, be at the centre of all our learning, guiding us, inspiring us, and revealing your truth to us so that our lives will bring glory to you. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. **Amen**

VIRTUE TO LIVE BY

I am a lifelong learner.

I am excited and enthusiastic to learn.