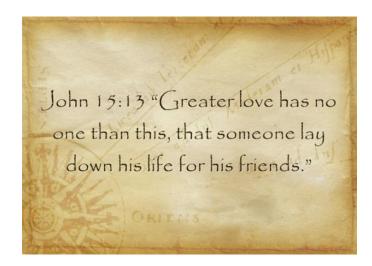


The Manor C of E Primary School

Values Newsletter Term 5:

<u>Friendship</u>









Welcome back to Term 5 and our Value of Friendship!

We hope you had a restful Easter break and managed to catch up with lots of friends! We also hope that you managed to read our SIAMS report, shared with you at the end of last term. Our children's understanding and demonstration of our Vision and Values was experienced first-hand by the inspector showing that our Values are really in everything we do and our children really do 'Shine like stars in the sky!'

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TALK TOGETHER about Friendship

Learning to be a good **friend**, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime.

Talk together about how **friends** come in all shapes and sizes.
Some are young, some are old.
Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

- · How do we choose our friends?
- · What makes a good friend?
- Are we a good **friend** to others?

READ TOGETHER... Through the roof

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him.

The excitement was infectious and four **friends** who lived in a street nearby soon heard the news. They met together and decided that they absolutely *had* to take their **friend** Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn't walk. They'd heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This was a chance they couldn't miss.

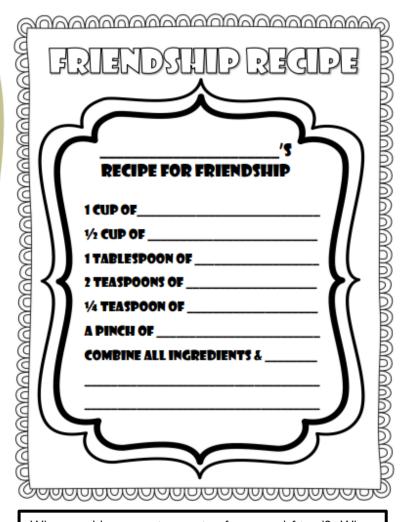
Wasting no time they carried their **friend** on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn't give up now. Their **friend** *must* meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole.

Knotting ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua. "Take up your bed, and walk" he said. Slowly, falteringly and hardly daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his **friends**, Joshua's life was changed forever!

Bible story based on Mark 2:1-12

Dear God, thank you for the gift of friendship.
Help us to value our friends and be a good
friend to others as Jesus taught us.
Amen.

a sweet friendship
refreshes the soul
~ Proverbs 279



What would you put in a recipe for a good friend? What qualities would you like your friend to have? Thinking about our Values might be a good place to start.....

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Shine like stars in the sky – Philippians 2v15