



# St. Stephen's C.E. Primary School

## Aspire to Greatness



For we are the handiwork of God, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

### This Week's Worship Value was "humility" As we explored "S" for "Succeed" from Our Aspire Values.

#### Value of the Week

The term has finished with our annual Easter celebrations. The donkey trail outdoors revealed the coded message, "Forgiveness is ❤️ !" A good number of families came to find the donkeys for themselves after school yesterday and it was lovely to see that the weather held long enough for the environmental area to be explored.

Over the course of the week, in R.E. and also in our assemblies, the children explored the value of humility and the example of Christ who was sacrificed. Our Junior pupils were also thrilled to be invited to church for a "Question Time" and where children asked some very tricky questions to a panel of Easter characters. Vicar Dave and Irene were really impressed with the quality of questions and we were thrilled to be invited over for such an interactive activity and to be offered a drink and a snack after the event.



Bishop Jill came to visit school today and where she celebrated Easter with us. The values leaders did a great job of leading the assembly. We all watched a special video in which each class told a section of the story of Easter through artefacts made in class. You can watch the video [here](#) and we hope you enjoy it!

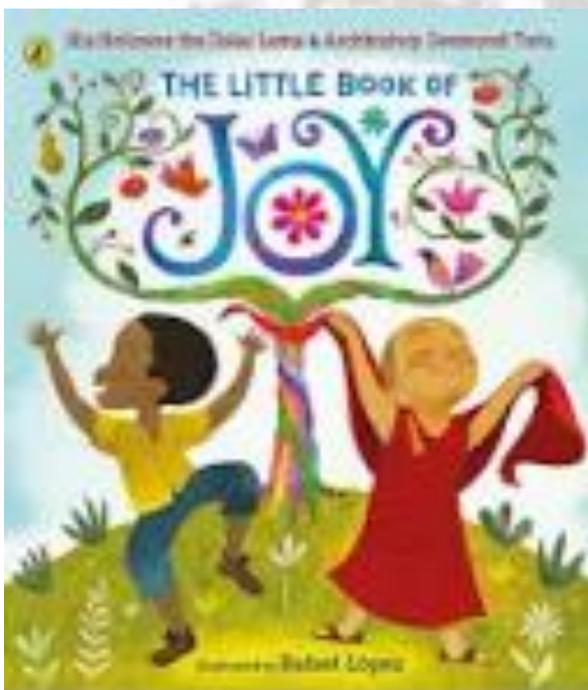
Bishop Jill also presented a special award called the “Courageous Advocacy Award”. This will be given to a Year 6 child each year to congratulate them for making the world a better place. The award is given in memory of Ms Wright who has her last day in school today and this will be presented each year at the leavers’ award ceremony.

### Special Message from Ms Wright

After 7 years and 2 terms, I am taking early retirement so that I can work part time as a Diocesan adviser, amongst one or two other things. Early retirement also allows me to spend more time with parents and wider family after 34 years working as a teacher and headteacher.

I would like to thank the children and families for their tremendous love and support during my time here. Broadgate is a wonderful place of diversity and also unity. We all share in the values of care for one another and it is a very happy place. I will miss saying good morning to families each day and feel privileged to have been the headteacher here.

In assembly today I gave a gift to the values leaders for each class. This was a small lighthouse which can be displayed on the reflection tables as a reminder that we should look to the light and allow ourselves to be lights to others. I also bought a book for the school called, “the little book of joy”. This was written by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. Both men were life-long friends, even though from different faith traditions. You and your child can read the story [here](#) and I hope it brings you joy.



School finishes today for Easter and will reopen on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Mr Coxhead will be in post and he is very excited to be the new headteacher at St Stephen's School.

Families are very welcome to attend the Easter Family Fun event on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 2-3 p.m. at Hartington Road Courts. Easter activities will be fun!



We wish all of our families a very Happy Easter Holiday and look forward to seeing you after the Easter break!

