

## **Aston All Saints C of E Primary School**

### **Promoting British Values**

At Aston All Saints C of E Primary School, we aim to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. Below are some examples of how we promote each of these values in school.

#### **Democracy**

- Through the School Council, children are involved in -
  - The whole election process, nominations, manifesto and the election itself – each class votes for a boy and a girl so we ensure equal representation
  - School council are involved in the recruitment of new staff
  - School council are involved in the life of the school by
    - Organising fund raising events
    - Carrying out and analysing surveys to improve the provision for children, the most recent was the choices for after school sport clubs
- The school has a worship committee which -
  - Organises assemblies in church
  - Has created a school prayer book
  - Conducted a survey about assemblies in school
- Our Y6 class attend Crucial Crew each autumn and take part in a range of “real life” activities – eg observing a court hearing, meeting with representatives from the various emergency services
- Children are involved in a wide range of fund raising activities
  - Cancer research – linked to families in school
  - Children in Need, Red Nose day – national charity days
  - Fund raising initiated by the children sometimes for school and sometimes for other charities – Sheffield Children’s hospital
- Our strong links with Aston All Saints Church include -
  - Weekly assemblies from the priest
  - School Eucharist with the school community
  - Confirmation classes
  - Special services in church
  - Christmas and summer fairs
  - Bishops visiting our school

### **Rules of law**

- There is a whole school code of conduct devised and agreed by the children
- Class rules agreed by individual classes eg Y1 children agree what kind of a class they would like and then devise the rules accordingly
- The Home School Agreement which children were involved in designing and all children and parents are asked to sign
- At different times in the school year there are assemblies about school rules – eg at the start of a new school year
- Road safety training – June 2015 which included a session for F2 and KS1, a session for KS2 and a session especially for Y6 to support their transition to KS3.
- Topic based visits eg a visit by the police into school to talk to children about a specific area of their work

### **Individual liberty**

This is anything concerning children making choices for themselves

- Children making choices within their learning, involvement in setting their own targets/challenges
- Making choices about their behaviour/attitude to learning
- Children are encouraged to take risks and have a go, not to be afraid of being wrong
- Individual identity of children especially in the area of homophobia. This is included in the anti bullying policy and has been discussed with governors.
- The challenging of stereotypes and encouraging the respect for different identities
- Children are encouraged to ask questions and challenge views of others

### **Respect and tolerance**

- Children work in groups in classes –We actively encourage paired and group work from an early age
- Residential visits are an excellent example of developing the ability to respect and tolerate others which impacts on the classroom environment .
- We teach about a number of other faiths as a part of our RE curriculum and visitors from different faiths have been invited to

talk to the children, share their customs and beliefs, cook with the children and teach traditional dances. In many cases the children have then shared this with their parents.

- Virtual tours of places of worship have also been used with the children in KS2 as well as a comprehensive range of resources and artefacts
- As a school/or individual classes we celebrate and commemorate special events –
  - The Royal Wedding
  - The Golden and Diamond Jubilee
  - The Olympic Games
  - The Grand Depart
  - Remembrance
  - The arrival of the Royal Prince and Princess
- We celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the school with a special Eucharist
- The school has often invited the Bishops of Doncaster and Sheffield to visit school either for a Eucharist or assembly .Our links with the church of Aston All Saints are very strong – the church is almost 1000 years old and brings with it a tremendous history and heritage

If you would like to talk to us in school about our efforts to promote British Values we would be happy to meet you.

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