



Our Value for December is **SHARING**

- **Having a unselfish and fair approach to things being allocated**
- **Being generous with one's own time and belongings, especially when someone has less than you**

In school we will be concentrating on Christmas and celebrating the birth of Jesus. The value of sharing makes us think particularly of Joseph and how he had to share his wife Mary with the world. We will explore the different ways we can make a difference to the lives of other people by sharing what we have whether it be time, money or material objects. Special reference will be made to recent events such as the typhoon which caused so much destruction in the Phillipines and the 'Children in Need' appeal. It will be made clear to the children how important it has been for us all to share what we have, however small our contribution, to help those people affected by disaster, sickness or poverty. Whilst talking about sharing we will also discuss fairness and point out that whenever possible things should be shared out fairly.

Thought for the month: 'Suppose everybody cared enough, everybody shared enough, wouldn't everybody have enough? There is enough in the world for everyone's needs but not for everyone's greed.' *Frank Buchman*

At home you could make a point of sharing things out fairly during the Christmas period. Jobs around the house should be shared as well as sweets, cakes and toys. If possible children could be encouraged to make something special (eg. a card, biscuits or cake, a calendar) to share with someone who lives alone or is unwell this Christmas. Something made with love is always received with love. Maybe a family charity box to collect coins over the Christmas period could then be sent to the Phillipines appeal after Christmas.



Have a happy time sharing your love with your families this Christmas.