

Service

Words relating to 'servant' or 'service' are the Harnham Junior School Christian Value which we are encouraging families to explore this term.

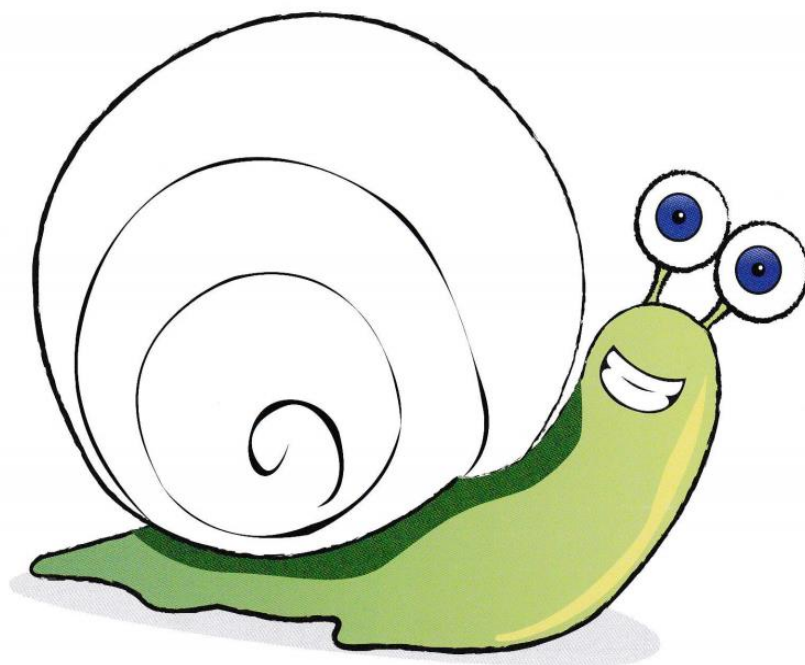
"There is more happiness in giving than receiving."

The words of Jesus recorded in Acts 20 verse 35
The Good News Bible



CLAP FOR OUR CARERS...

Who are the unsung heroes who serve us?
Make a list!
Perhaps you could write a thank you card and send it to them.



Complete a service with a smile snail!

Living a life of service is about keeping your eyes open and looking out for ways to make others smile.

Draw a large smiley snail.

Fill in the spirals on the snail's shell with ways in which as a family you serve each other in one week.

Send your picture into the school virtual learning page so that we can display it.

Other words for service are 'humility' 'helping' 'bringing out the best in others.'

Can you think of more?

"There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self."

- Ernest Hemingway -



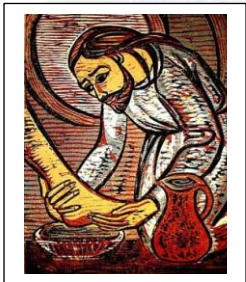
FASCINATING FACTS



OBE Award

The OBE, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, is an honour and medal awarded to people who have **served** their country or local community, often as volunteers.

- the first honours were awarded by George V in 1917 to people who had **served** their country in World War 1 but were not soldiers
- over 800 OBEs are now given each year
- OBEs are awarded for **service** such as:
 - o helping disabled children and their families
 - o working on nature conservation projects
 - o bringing relief to carers of very sick relatives
 - o protecting and caring for our country's important buildings
 - o providing animal welfare



Jesus explained what service was- not just in words but in actions.



HALL OF FAME

JK Rowling OBE

Joanne K Rowling is best known for writing the series of fictional novels about Harry Potter, stories which captured the imagination of children across the world. She was awarded the OBE for her "**services** to children's literature".



JK Rowling wanted to use some of the money she had earned from her books to help orphaned children in Eastern Europe, she founded The Lumos Foundation and funded work to transform the lives of disadvantaged children living in huge, poorly funded orphanages. With her help beautiful, well equipped homes have been established, run by foster parents who love and care for young children.

Feet, in the time when Jesus lived, were often very dirty and sweaty! Can you imagine living in a dusty hot land where walking was the main way of getting from one place to another? There were no buses or cars! When a guest entered a house, the first thing that happened was that the servant would wash their feet.

When the followers of Jesus gathered to eat together, Jesus took off his outer robes and he knelt down and washed the feet of his disciples. Even though Jesus was in charge he decided to serve them. This turned upside down the normal relationship between master and disciple, leader and follower. It was a sign of his love for them. He told them to follow a new command to 'Love one another' as he loved them. Love is given humbly and needed to be received by them.

Perhaps it would be like if you were a follower of The Queen or Taylor Swift or Lionel Messi and you received a letter from them inviting you to tea. When you arrived at their mansions in welly boots they would help you by washing your wellies and afterwards they would invite you to sit down so that they could kneel down and wash your feet and dry them!!!

You can read about the story in the Bible book of John chapter 13 verses 1 to 17.

Questions to consider...

- Have you ever washed someone else's dirty feet?
- Who does most of the serving in your family?
- Who does most of the serving in the community?
- How do some people help others to make themselves more important?
- How do some people help others humbly?