



Developing Our School Vision



Staining CE Primary School



The Vision

Our Journey

In January, we decided that our school vision and mission statement needed to be refreshed and revised. The school was moving towards a new curriculum with an emphasis on interactive, stimulating and engaging teaching and learning. The time was now to merge our curriculum, vision and values to make sure school has a consistent and cohesive approach to helping our children grow.



The School's Values

The Beginning of our New Journey

Since January 2017, the school has had 5 core values.

These values were chosen as they are clear and distinct shared human, British values. All stakeholders in our school family are able to approach these from a position of some understanding, from our youngest pupils to our most experienced members of staff and this is regardless of their faith background. What makes us unique and distinctly Christian, is the way in which these are explored, developed and embedded through everything we do.

Each half term focuses on a different school value. The way this is explained and made meaningful to the children is through the associated Christian Values and in turn, theological basis, stories and layers of understanding. The children bring a human, shared understanding of our values. We add to this and develop it by telling them stories from the Bible, Bible scripture and by using Biblical figures and contemporary examples. In this way, the Christian meaning is assimilated into their understanding and enriches it. Our values are made meaningful and are developed and explored through the focus of Christianity.

These values are well embedded throughout the school. They are meaningful to pupils and underpin our approach to all aspects of our school. Because they are so well established, understood by all stakeholders and apt for our setting, we have decided to keep them.



Be Kind



Show Respect



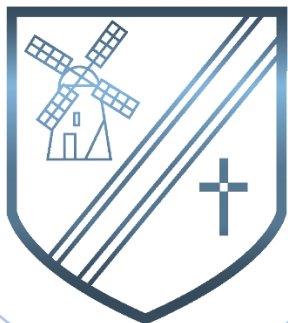
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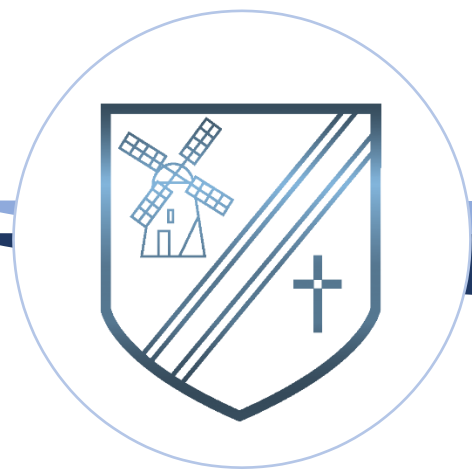
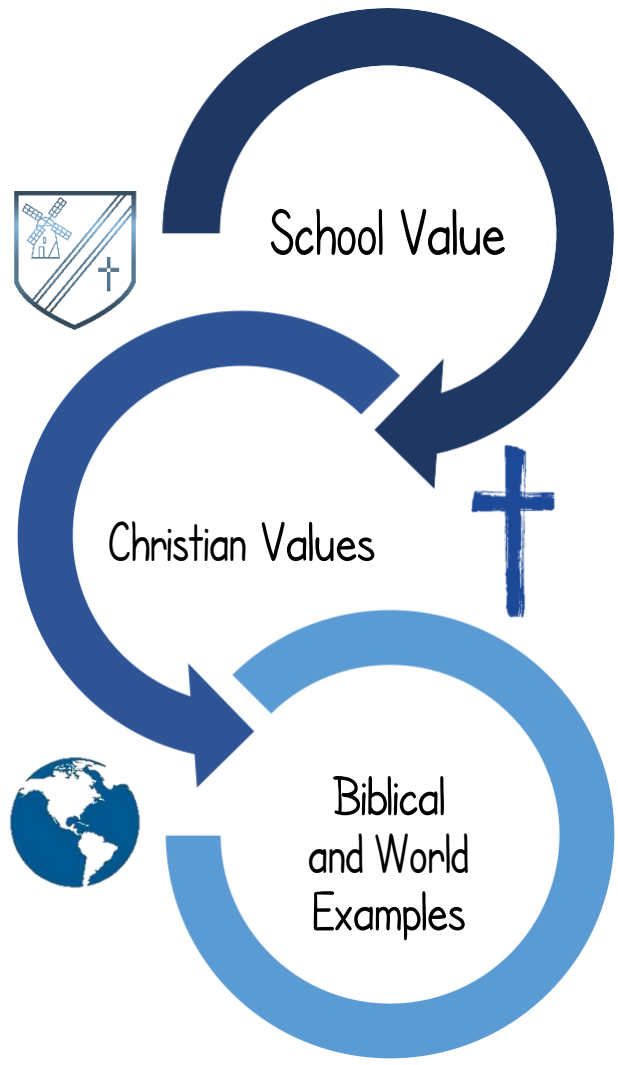


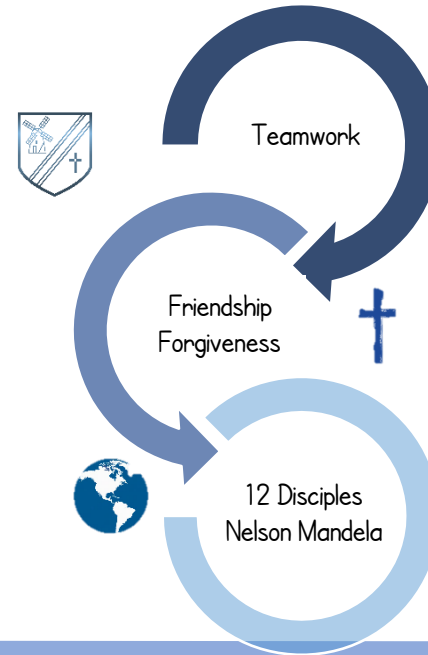
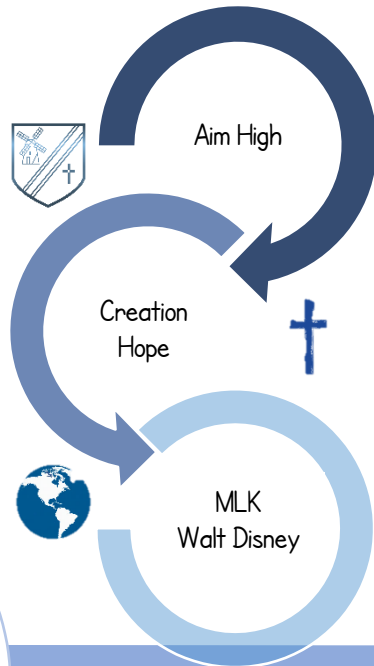
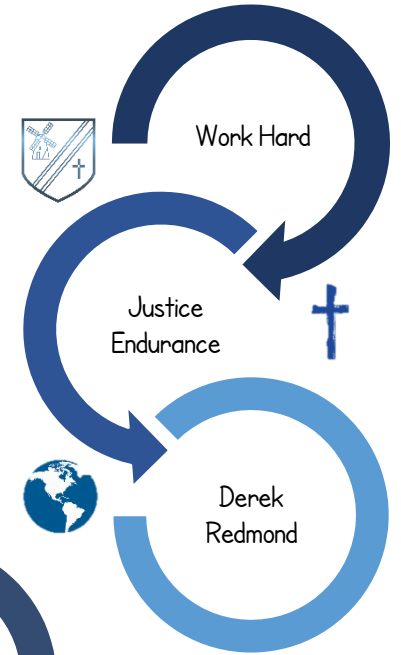
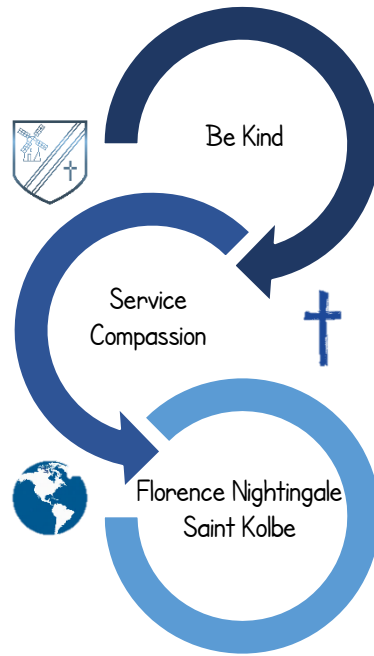
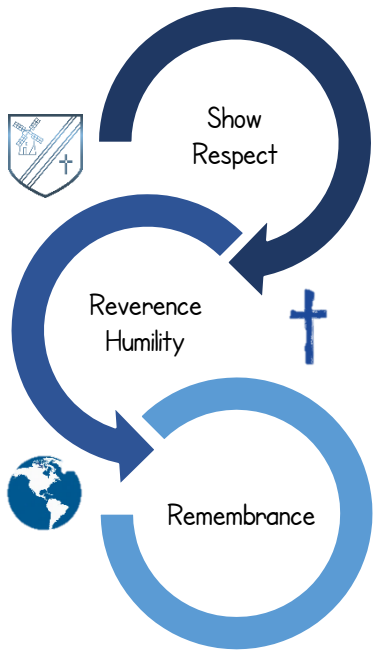
Aim High



Teamwork







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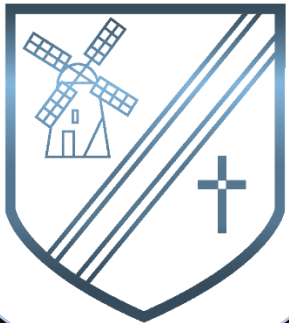
Our school vision was:

“Our vision is of a Christian school that has high expectations of its children and the adults who work here. We aim to develop the full potential of all our pupils whilst nurturing the strong links between school, home, church and the wider community.”

This was underpinned by the motto:

“Love Life, Love School, Love God.”

We wanted to revisit this vision with an emphasis on developing a vision that would support and underpin our new, exciting curriculum and the new way forward for school. To do this, we looked to our stakeholders for support.



Parents

Supporting a New Vision

We sought parental opinions through a questionnaire. This was sent to all our families. They were asked what should be the school's legacy upon their child's life.

"I always felt supported, cared for and never alone."

"They are excited for the next chapter."

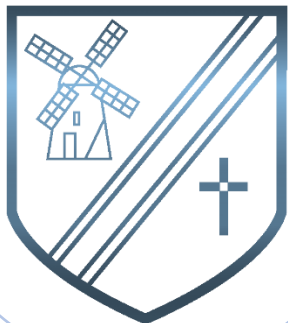
"They should be able to look back knowing they were given every opportunity to learn and thrive."

"That they leave knowing they've worked as hard as they could but also knowing that being clever isn't everything. Being kind, looking out for friends and making people happy is just as important."

"The teachers have made a difference to the children; gone beyond with teaching, caring and compassion."

"It was awesome!"

"That they enjoyed every minute."



Children

Supporting a New Vision

The children were asked for their thoughts on what our school should be like. We developed age appropriate activities to seek their views. They considered questions such as 'What would it feel like to be a child in our school?', 'What would the classrooms and outside look like?', 'What would the lessons be like?' and 'What are the people like in our school?'

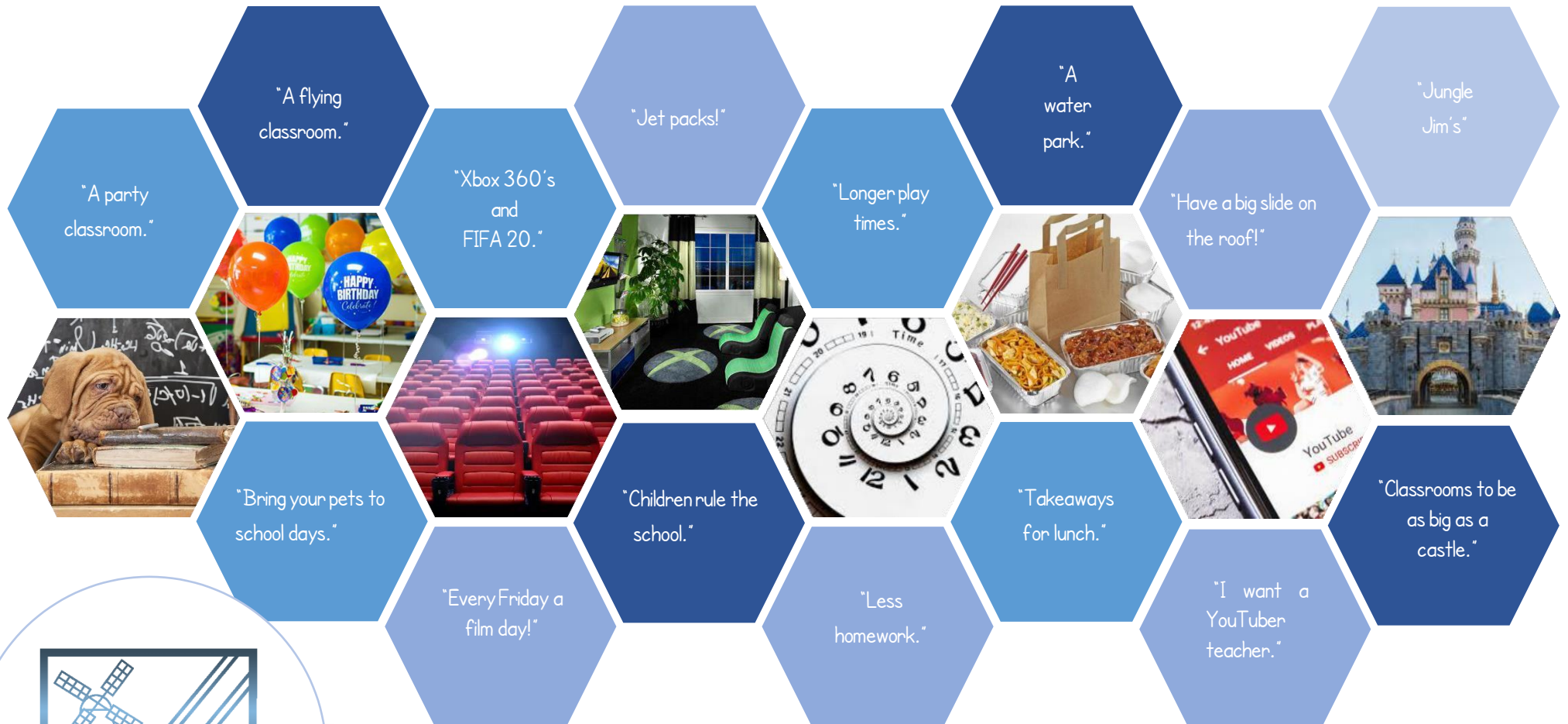
Below are some of the children's responses to these questions:



Children

Supporting a New Vision

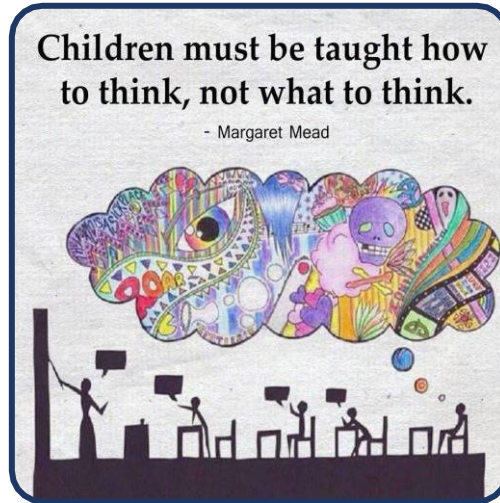
Other responses included...



Governors

Supporting a New Vision

Our Governors have been involved in the process too. They were asked to rank statements they felt were important to the ethos of the school at their different committees. These were their favourites:



A Small School with a Big Vision

A Vision Modelling the Teachings of Jesus

The community of Staining C of E Primary School share a strong vision and core values. We celebrate our Christian distinctiveness by exploring a Christian perspective on our vision and values through our choice of parable; **The Sower**.



We take the lesson Jesus shared with us in this parable and provide good ground for our children to flourish and have a positive impact on their communities and the wider world. We believe that every member of our school community has the potential to do well, to succeed in their learning and to become a valued member of society, regardless of their starting point.

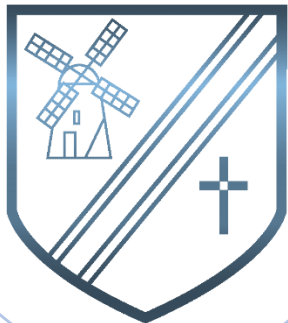
We aim to give our pupils the best start, preparing them for a successful future.

A Story About Planting Seed

Mark 4: 1-20

Another time Jesus began teaching by the lake. A great crowd gathered around him. So he got into a boat and went out on the lake. All the people stayed on the shore close to the water. ² Jesus used many stories to teach them. He said, ³ "Listen! A farmer went out to plant his seed. ⁴ While the farmer was planting, some seed fell by the road. The birds came and ate all that seed. ⁵ Some seed fell on rocky ground where there wasn't much dirt. The seed grew very fast there because the ground was not deep. ⁶ But when the sun rose, the plants withered. The plants died because they did not have deep roots. ⁷ Some other seed fell among thorny weeds. The weeds grew and choked the good plants. So those plants did not make grain. ⁸ Some other seed fell on good ground. In the good ground, the seed began to grow. It grew and made a crop of grain. Some plants made 30 times more grain, some 60 times more grain, and some 100 times more grain."

Children's International Bible



LEARN TO WONDER

GROW IN WISDOM

SHINE LIKE STARS

Putting it all together

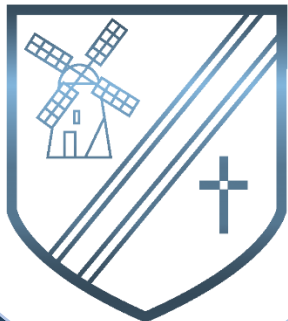
We attended a vision and values day hosted by Blackburn Diocese. We looked at all the views of our stakeholders and learned from other schools who had already been on their journey to develop and embed a new school vision.

With the support of Lisa Horobin (SIAMS Manager and Adviser to Primary Schools), we formulated the below vision based on all the work we had done together.

Our School's Vision is for our children to...

Learn to wonder
Grow in wisdom Shine
like stars

To live out this vision, every day we make sure we Be Kind, Show Respect, Aim High, Work Hard and show Teamwork.





Our Vision

Christian Foundations

The Christian foundations for this vision are:

That pupils live life to the full. (John 10:10)

We take the lesson Jesus shared with us about the Parable of the Sower where He tells us the story of providing rich soil to nurture growth.

Our school is the good ground that enables everybody to flourish.

Our children will....

Learn to wonder

'Seek and you will find' (Luke 11.5 - 13)

Grow in wisdom

'Happy is the man who finds wisdom' (Proverbs 3:13)

Shine like stars

'Shine like stars in the universe' (Philippians 2:15)

And our values have their roots in the Christian Values.

