### **Year 6 Summer Term Virtues**

#### Compassionate and loving

At St Helen's we try to be *Compassionate* towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; those who suffer poverty, injustice or violence and *Loving* by our just actions and forgiving words.



We helped Mrs Mansfield deliver her KS2 assembly about our focus virtues this term. We acted out The Good Samaritan from Luke 10:25-37. Jesus told this story to teach us how to show love and compassion to one another.



## Thursday 1st May



Two Yr 6 pupils really demonstrated their compassionate nature. One empathised with another pupil in his class who had inadvertently scored an own goal. The pupil was distraught and a reassuring word and kind alternative outlook on the 'disaster', made the pupil feel better.

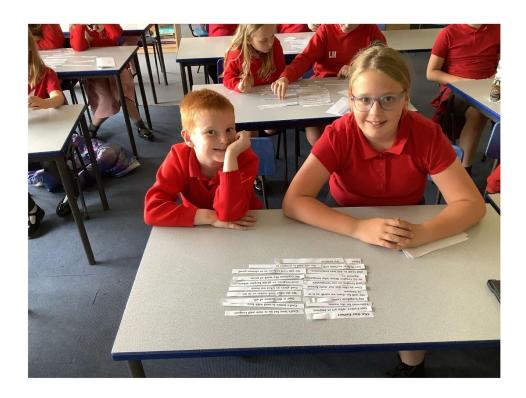
The other pupil, a talented linguist, made good use of her talents. Whilst preparing for her audition for 'Romeo and Juliet', she noticed others found it hard to commit script to memory and prepare their audition pieces and so she took time out to help.

## Faith-filled and Hopeful

Appropriate virtues for our second half term when we launched our new Mission Statement – Growing Together in faith and love! Year 6 were paired with Year 2 and we explored the meaning of both 'faith' and love. We learned that one way to develop faith was to pray to our Heavenly Father, and ask him to help our faith in Christ grow. We made faith seed packets.



We learn in the Bible of a special prayer Jesus taught us to help us know God more. We ordered the lines of The Our Father and then matched them to their meaning.



We also looked at the famous footprints poem and thought about how we had to have faith that God is with us, even during our darkest times.

# FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.

Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord,
"You promised me Lord,
that if I followed you,
you would walk with me always.
But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life
there have only been one set of footprints in the sand.
Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?"

The Lord replied,
"The times when you have seen only one set of footprints in the sand,
is when I carried you."

We made two footprints: one which showed times when we wanted God to celebrate with us, and the other to show times that were tough, when we wanted God carrying us. We also looked up scripture that reminded us that God always cares for us. We put these on large sandy feet to represent Jesus' constant love for us.