

# Family Values

Our Christian Value this half term is...



Our philosophy at Mordiford CE Primary School is to recognise that true peace is more than just the absence of conflict or war, but that it also requires the presence of justice and care. We seek to be a genuinely peaceful school where there is an ethos of calm and care for all, in which mutual respect for people allows respect for learning to grow.

## Family Values Activities

**Earn 10 Family Values Points for your house by taking part in an activity this half-term.**

- Design your own symbol for peace
- Write a peace Prayer
- Make a wish for peace to attach to the kite strings on the Values display
- Make a Christmas card on the theme of peace
- Read the story of *Sadako Sasaki and the paper cranes*, try making your own paper crane see [www.activityvillage.co.uk](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk) or ask Miss Finney for a template



## CONFLICT RESOLUTION: A TALE OF TWO MULES

Once upon a time there were two mules. They were tied together in the farmyard, and they were very hungry. Then, the farmer left two boxes of food in the yard for them: one for the first mule and one for the other mule. Each mule saw that the food had been left, but they were still tied together. They each tried to reach their food, but they couldn't. They were just as strong as each other, so however hard they pulled on their rope, they would never get the food. Feeling tired and out of breath, they sat down next to each other, even hungrier than before. At this point it's a 'lose-lose' situation. Neither of the mules has got what he/she needs.

Then the mules started to talk to each other, and they came up with an idea that would help them both get food. They went together to the first mule's food and shared it, never pulling on the rope. Once that food was gone, they went to the other mule's food and shared all of that. They both got enough food and they sat down happily. They had found a 'win-win' solution.

'Win-win' solutions made both mules feel happy. But this story mightn't have had a happy ending. How could it have ended in a less happy way?

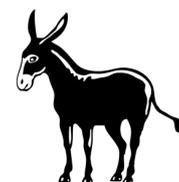
The mules could have fought over the food and got hurt - 'lose-lose'

One mule might have bullied the other one and taken all the food - a 'win-lose'

They could have pulled so hard that it hurt them - another 'lose-lose'

There was a point in the middle of our story when the mules did something that helped them solve their problem.

By stopping and thinking, and then talking and listening, they found a win-win idea.



Dear God,

We thank you for giving us your peace. Help us to spread peace at home and at school by loving and caring for one another. Help us to spread peace by listening to one another, even when we don't agree. Help us to spread peace by sharing our time with those who are lonely and need a friend. Help us to spread peace by thinking and praying for children who have no food or who are frightened and live in fear. Let us pray everyday for peace for our families, for our friends and for ourselves.



Amen

## Symbols for Peace...can you design your own ?



### I Believe

I believe in  
The sun  
Even when it is not shining

I believe in love  
Even when I do not feel it

I believe in God  
Even when he is silent

Found on the walls of a cellar in Germany  
where Jews were hidden

### Peace

We can make peace in the world,  
we've done our part.  
Our gift may be simple,  
but it comes from the heart.



### Some important dates for peacemakers this half term...

- 11th November: Remembrance Day  
[www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)

We will have poppies available in school in the lead up to Remembrance Day

- Pentoloe Class Worship about Remembrance Friday 10th November
- 19th November: World Toilet Day  
[www.unwater.org/worldtoiletday](http://www.unwater.org/worldtoiletday)
- 10th December: UN Human Rights Day [www.amnesty.org.uk/issues/education](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/issues/education)



### peace

it does not mean to be in a place  
where there is no noise, trouble  
or hard work. it means to be in  
the midst of those things and still  
be calm in your heart.

(unknown)



A prayer from Desmond Tutu  
Goodness is stronger than evil;  
Love is stronger than hate;  
Light is stronger than darkness;  
Life is stronger than death;  
Victory is ours through Him who loves us.