

Pembridge is a school where we encourage everyone to be inspired through faith in God and to live by Christian values...

Weaving through all that makes for our successful school, we have chosen words from the apostle Paul who reminded the early Christians to "continue to think about the things which are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honourable and right and pure and beautiful and respected. And do what you learned and received from me. Do what I told you and what you saw me do. And the God who gives peace will be with you..." (Philippians 4:8-9)

We believe that good and true things matter and that we respect and admire all that is beautiful and pure. We do not learn in isolation but from each other so that we may gladly give and receive God's peace in all we seek to do. Like rays of light, we shine out to others.

(Luke 11:36)

Our school has an enriching curriculum which offers children a wide variety of experiences from singing in a cathedral, to competing in sports with other schools, sewing rainforest animals and making mud pies in its outdoor kitchen. Whilst we regard academic success as a significant outcome of every child's learning journey, the breadth of education must always reflect what the world and society requires – that our young people demonstrate positive well-being, find delight in wonder, are respectful to others, show an inspirational way of dealing with challenges as well as being able to read, write and solve maths problems! Wisdom may be more precious than rubies (Proverbs 8:11) but we know it is also better to share the gifts we have. We aim for every child to rejoice in their skills and be keen to embrace the next phase of their education.

CONCENTRATES • IMAGINES
DOESN'T GIVE UP • IMPROVES

Our **Christian values** support our relationships with one another, help direct our teaching and learning and provide a wonderful resource of how to live well in God's creation. These are our foundation: love, joy, peace, justice, grace, forgiveness, creation, truth, service, awe and wonder, respect, humility, unity... Learning about these helps us to live life in all its fullness.

(John 10:10)

Our rural village not only provides us with the opportunity to live well together but that we also help to maintain its livelihood. This inextricable relationship encourages us to share our talents beyond the school walls. Our links extend to other schools, the wider Diocese and across the world. Christians are asked to "think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24). This involves being pro-active, not just acting passively. We are called to show responsibility and contribute as responsible citizens. Our children and families are therefore inspired by people and events, seeking to make a difference. Why does this matter? Because our Christian values are not simply to learn about but to live by.

May the Holy Spirit dwell within us all. (1 Corinthians 3:16)

Inclusion for all, valuing each other and discovering God's blessings for each one of us form a strong bond within our school. Jesus talks about the kingdom of heaven as a place where "the first shall be last, and the last shall be first" (Matthew 19:30). We care about supporting and safeguarding everyone (of all religions and none) so that His kingdom is not only a vision to aspire to but is relevant and practical on a day-by-day basis. We look for the worth in everyone – giving time and resources to enable children, families and staff to reach their potential. This does not happen without hard work; the behaviours we expect, we model. Jesus was engaged in teaching, healing, feeding, sharing hospitality, befriending and forgiving – let us do the same.

TRIES NEW THINGS • WORKS HARD
UNDERSTANDS OTHERS • SELF-MOTIVATES

Jesus sent the 12 apostles out to tell the Good News (Luke 9:6). Our Learning Behaviours not only encourage our children to develop academically, but through perseverance, are able to face the challenging times which lie ahead. They build resilience to tell similar Good News – that the beauty of truth overcomes darkness every time and that compassion for and forgiveness of others fulfils their future.

...and we reflect all that is worthy of praise.

...so that our creative teaching and learning is of the highest quality...

...our whole community flourishes...