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Values Newsletter 4

"Politeness is the flower of humanity."

Joseph Joubert

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our value for the month of December is **POLITENESS.**

Politeness is the practical application of good manners or etiquette. It is a behaviour that is respectful and considerate of other people.

We want all at Lambley to see that it is important to be polite because it puts other people at ease and helps build strong relationships. It brings us closer together and strengthens the wonderful school community that we have. Furthermore, politeness means consideration for the feelings of others. A polite person put the feelings of others first.

We also want the children to understand that politeness is more than just 'please' and 'thank you'. These words are essential in showing good manners and politeness. Nevertheless, politeness is more than this. It is remembering to ask how others are. To appreciate that when someone says 'good morning', the polite response is to also say good morning. That if someone asks 'how are you?' that we answer but also ask them how they are feeling. That politeness should be shared. I spoke to the children about this yesterday and already we are seeing more children asking how people are. What a wonderful start for our new value of the month

As this may be a new word or concept for some of our children to understand, it would be great if you could discuss it with them. To carefully explain to them, not only the meaning of politeness, but what it actually looks like in real life. This way, we can develop the personal qualities we all wish for them.

I will finish by getting our month of politeness started by simply saying, thank you for reading.

With very best wishes,

The Lambley Team