

CODNOR'S CHRISTIAN VALUES



community



Talk about community together

In school, children will be learning about our core Christian Value of **community and belonging**. A sense of community is **so** important to us at Codnor Primary School.

Here are some questions to explore that theme you could discuss at home:

- Which communities do you belong to?
- Why is it important to you that you belong to them?
- How would life be different if you did not belong?

Our community

Here's a familiar, and important, face from our local community: Rev. Christopher Holden.



Research it together

The Sikh community is called a Khalsa. But what does the word 'Khalsa' actually mean?

Read about community

Jesus feeds 5000 people

Everyone loved to see and listen to Jesus. So everywhere Jesus went, many people followed. One day a very big crowd gathered to see Jesus – more than five thousand people! There were men, women and children everywhere: sitting on the grass, standing under the trees, all trying to catch a glimpse of Jesus and hear what he had to say. Later when he had finished teaching, Jesus went around meeting people. Everyone was having a great day and nobody wanted to go home. But the disciples began to worry. "Jesus, you need to send these people away now," they said, "they are a long way from home and will soon be getting hungry and we don't have any food to give them." "It's alright," Jesus said, "You can give them something to eat." "How can we do that!" exclaimed his friends, "It would cost loads of money to feed all these people! One young boy has donated his lunch but 5 barley loaves of bread and 2 fish won't be nearly enough." "Tell everyone to sit down ready for a picnic," said Jesus. Then he prayed to God "Thank you for this food," he said, before he gave the bread and fish to his friends to share among the crowd. They looked at each other mystified, knowing that the bread and fish would soon run out. But they began to hand out the food...and more food...and more food, until at last they realised that everyone was happily eating. "Where did all that bread and fish come from?" they wondered. "How did so little food manage to feed so many people?" Later, when the crowd had gone home, Jesus' friends went round with baskets to pick up the leftovers. What an amazing day it had been. They had seen Jesus teach people, help people, and somehow turn 5 loaves and 2 fish into enough food for a feast that no one could ever forget!

Community Hall of Fame

For many of you, these faces from our local community will need no introduction! Current Year 6 Finley, Joraz, his big brother Noah and dad Tom played such a role in both our school community and our local community of Codnor during 2020-2021, where they became the 'little picking upcyclers!' The Joraz family used the Covid lockdown to benefit their local community, by litter picking in Codnor and turning other people's rubbish into unique gifts. By litter picking, then washing, decorating and selling items like thrown out bottles, not only did the brothers help tidy up our local community, but they raised over £10,000 for Codnor Primary School. Inspiring their local community, the Joraz brothers encouraged many other children (and even staff!) to participate in the local litter picks, resulting in a much cleaner Codnor to be enjoyed by all members of our community.

Thank you for being so inspirational and for being such wonderful members of our local community!



Create it together

Your 'create it together' mission (just like Crystal Creator!) is to **design your own hunting, where each flag is about somebody from our community.**

Try to choose at least 6 different people. It could be somebody from our school, your family, or the Church.

Try to use lots of colour and make it bright and attractive. Once you have completed it, bring it in to school and we will put them on display!



Bible verses



Psalms 133:1—"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

Matthew 18:20—"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Galatians 6:2—"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ."

Hebrews 10:24-25—"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Pray together

Dear God,

We gather here today, In our hearts, we come to pray. For our community, strong and bright, Bless us with love and endless light.

Guide us, Lord, in every way, Help us spread kindness every day. In our neighbourhood, big and small, May unity be felt by all.

Grant us courage to lend a hand, To help our neighbours, understand, That together we are strong, In community, we all belong.



In your name, dear God, we pray, For a community that shines each day.

Amen.



Colour me in