

# Netherhall St James Infants Christian newsletter



*Learning together in God's Love*



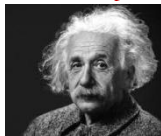
## Hope for a better world...

Sir David Attenborough is best known as a natural history film maker. He has made expeditions all over the world to watch and film wildlife in its natural habitat. His many TV documentary programmes have allowed us all to understand the wonder of nature and the importance of conserving the natural environment if species are to survive. Sir David has shown us the impact humans have too often made on the natural world and the consequent struggle of wildlife to survive. His hope is that we leave future generations a planet that is healthy and inhabitable by all species. In school every year group has at least one topic which focus on the natural world and how to care for it.



## Words of Wisdom

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow"  
Albert Einstein



## A story to share...

### God's Special Promise

The world that God had made was a beautiful, colourful place – brimming with life and bursting with good things. It was his precious gift given with all his love. God hoped that people would care for it and care for each other but now they were doing just the opposite! They were quarrelling, fighting, and spoiling everything. God saw that there was only one thing to do; to begin all over again. But God also saw that not everyone on the earth was wicked. There was one man and his family trying to do their best to look after the world and to look after each other and to listen to him. The man's name was Noah. God told Noah to build an ark – a huge, magnificent boat. Noah was mystified because he lived miles from the ocean and was not sure why he would ever need a boat. As word got around about the enormous boat Noah's neighbours made his life miserable with their taunts and jibes. Sometimes Noah was tempted to lose hope, but he knew from experience that he could trust God for the future, so he and his family kept on building. When the work was finally finished God told Noah to gather two of every kind of creature as well as all his family together and set up home in the ark. It took a long time but Noah had to just keep on trusting God. And then the first raindrops began to fall, followed by showers, then torrents and finally floods. On and on it rained for forty days and forty nights. When Noah was beginning to lose hope of ever seeing the sun again, the rain suddenly stopped. Noah sent out a dove and when it did not return he knew that the bird had found dry land on which to build a nest. They were safe at last! And then a wonderful thing happened. God sent a rainbow - a beautiful, colourful bow in the sky. It was a sign of hope and promise. The world had been washed clean, and was all ready for a new beginning.

This term our  
Christian value is

## Hope

The value hope is about much more than just wishing as hard as we can that things will be different. It is about believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something! The character Noah in the story opposite, was willing to look silly in front of his neighbours by building a huge boat even though he lived miles from the ocean, because he hoped and believed that God had a plan. As a family you may want to talk about:

- your hopes and dreams for the future
- what you can do to make them happen
- what others need to do

## Home-school challenge Hope Rainbow

Can you draw a rainbow and write one of your hopes underneath it?



Bring it in to show you class and your teacher will give you a sticker.



## Harvest Hope

This year we will be collecting food and toiletries for the Huddersfield Welcome Centre. A letter will go out with more information towards the end of term.