



Kindness accreditation - Stoke Row C.E Primary School

A small school with a bright future”

SHINE LIKE STARS AND BECOME LIGHT IN OUR WORLD

*At Stoke Row School we aim for our children to have the brightest futures, each one nurtured individually to be a guiding light with a unique sparkle. We teach one another to live with **kindness** and respect. We help our children to understand that with courage and perseverance they can excel.*

Our 5 school values help to integrate kindness throughout our school - RESPECT, KINDNESS, COURAGE, EXCELLENCE AND PERSISTENCE

Some of the initiatives we have been involved in at Stoke Row Primary school include:

- We have a ‘buddy’ system set up for the new Foundation children who are paired with Year 5 children. The Year 5 children demonstrate kindness by helping the Foundation children become acquainted with the school, helping them put their shoes, coats on, looking out for them at Playtime and sitting with them in assembly. They also come to read to the Foundation children each week.
- We have fundraised for a wide variety of charities including Children in Need, Save the Children, Young Minds and Launchpad. Our school council meet each term to discuss fun ways we can integrate fundraising. These have included a pyjama day, casual clothes day, raffles and dance-a-thon. Each year we also pick a charity to donate to at the Foundation and KS1 Nativity
- We sponsor an Elephant through the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (our school logo is a picture of an elephant due to *Maharajah’s Well* which is a local landmark nearby to the school - <https://www.chilternsaonb.org/ccbmaps/1333/137/the-maharajah-s-well.html>)
- We have a ‘Learning to Learn week’ each September where we focus on having a growth mind-set and we place a big emphasis on ‘kindness’ through specific games and activities
- We are paired with schools in India and Zambia through the British Council. We have had the opportunity through this to share with both staff and children how we promote kindness across the schools internationally and several staff members have been able to visit both the schools
- Our School choir has sung at a variety of events including a Nursing Home during the Christmas period. The children also made a card from the school and presented the Nursing home with a hamper that the children had kindly donated to
- All staff have had training into mental health and in particular kindness during an inset day. We also like to celebrate kindness as a team by recognising days such as ‘National Teaching Assistant Day’
- We collected donations as part of our Harvest Celebration, these were given to the food bank in the local community. We have also visited the local food bank to see the process involved in packing up food and supplies and learnt about how it is distributed to the local community.
- Promoted anti-bullying week
- We have had a focus on the environment and picking up litter in our community. The Year 5/6 class also wrote to the local café and asked them to stop using disposable coffee cups because they were concerned about their impact on the environment. The Foundation class wrote to Cool Milk (our Milk suppliers) and asked them to stop sending plastic straws after



seeing pictures of straws in the sea affecting wildlife. Cool Milk sent cups which we now use instead of straws.