

## **School vision in action**

We are a community where each person is valued by God. We nurture confidence, delight and discipline in seeking the skills needed to shape life well.

Life in all its fullness; John Chapter 10 v 10.

Here's just a taster of the type of things we do.

**Community** is one of our core school values and its importance is recognised by governors, staff, children and parents alike: all are welcome and included within our loving community of life-long learners. Starting village traditions like carols around the tree are vital in strengthening relationships around our village. Having art days, preparing for the village celebrations of Tour de Yorkshire have been enjoyed for years with many taking part. Also having visitors such as local farmers and photographers coming in and telling us about their work and joining in with school life reinforces the family ethos which is so strong at Oxenhope.

Teaching empathy and compassion are definitely some of the values needed to 'shape life well'. Having the children visit nursing homes and sing in Haworth surgery encourage them to think outside their comfort zone and bring joy to the lives of others.

The children at Oxenhope are very outward looking and are constantly looking for opportunities to help others. Whether it's having a bake sale to raise money for our local hospice, Manorlands, collecting food and clothing to help those suffering from flooding in Fishlake or putting together an Australia day to help raise money for all the injured animals in the fires. The children are always finding new and exciting ways to benefit the lives of others. Our school's fundraising work for local, national and international charities is highly valued by staff, governors, parents and children alike; the concept of Oxenhope 'sharing love around the world' closely links to one of our core values of 'love' to our acts of charity. Learners within school recognise many of our school values in their charity work; values such as 'love' and 'community'.

**Nurture** and strong interpersonal relationships are a strength of Oxenhope Primary School. Learners treat one another with care, compassion, dignity and respect, with bullying rarely being seen. When disagreements do occur, the focus is not on reprimands, consequences, or sanctions, but on understanding what has caused the situation and supporting reconciliation and forgiveness. The linking project teaches tolerance and cohesion amongst different cultures, having meaningful interaction between children from diverse communities.