



Thought for the Week

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2

What a fantastic verse!

Watching the news can often feel depressing and heavy, especially with all that is going on in the world right now. However, I have felt so encouraged seeing interviews with people all over the country offering their homes to refugees, and finding out about the relationships that have been built over Zoom before people have arrived in the UK has been amazing to see. I am struck by the selfless nature of these families, opening up their home to complete strangers who are in need. I am aware not everyone is in a position to offer a home to a stranger but I love the premise of offering hospitality. The Message translation of this verse sums it up well:

Be ready with a meal or a bed when it's needed. Why, some have extended hospitality to angels without ever knowing it!

So how can we be hospitable? The word is defined as 'generous and friendly treatment of visitors and guests'. I know this is something our schools do well; whenever I visit schools, people are generous with their time and treatment me with wonderful hospitality. I also hear from staff and members of the wider community of the hospitable nature of the school. I know whoever comes to your school, whether a visitor, staff member or child in your care, you treat them exactly the same, with love, care and hospitality. It is a wonderful example of what Paul speaks about in his letter to the Galatians:

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

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We have recently had the privilege of seeing a fantastic video from Scunthorpe Church of England Primary School with children explaining what it was like for them to join the school when they moved to the UK; it really does show this verse in action. I would really encourage you to take a few minutes in your day to hear what they have to say:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PK3c3zSmIU&t=71s>

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Important Updates and Messages

Website – Caution

It has come to our awareness that the website www.christianvalues4schools.org.uk has been replaced with an online roulette site – so if you have this link on your websites you will want to review this.