

# Spotlight on .....

## the Leamington Hastings Christian vision

As part of the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust, we have a shared vision of 'Life in all its fullness' (John 10.10). Linked to this, we have an individual school vision of:

### Plant, Grow, Flourish

Our theologically rooted school vision is based on the Parable of The Sower, taken from the Gospel of Matthew, reflecting our local farming community.

A farmer sows some seed in a field:

- Some seed falls onto the path, and the birds quickly eat it.
- Some seed falls where there are rocks, and not much soil. Plants grow quickly but soon the sun dries them. There is not enough soil, and the plants die.
- Some seeds begin to grow in a place where there are too many weeds. The weeds stop the growth of the plants, and the plants die.
- But other seed falls on rich soil and receives everything they need, so the plants grow and flourish.



The meaning of the parable can be interpreted as below:

- The seeds are the teachings of academic learning, values, learning behaviours and for Christians, the word of God.
- If we are not open to new learning, the seeds may be picked up by the birds and carried away.
- We may be inspired to try something new or to make a difference in the world, but without courage and perseverance we give up. The ideas wither away like the plants that grew on the rocks.
- We may be distracted or influenced by things we shouldn't be e.g., the temptation to make the wrong choice. These choices may stop future growth, as in the example of the weeds.
- The seeds that fall on the rich soil are those that are listened to and taken on board, leading to application of taught skills and values. These help us to grow and flourish into all that we can be.

At Leamington Hastings, we strive to provide the rich soil that enables our children and adults to develop the deep roots of academic learning, learning behaviours, rich experiences and Christian values to enable them to flourish. Within our community, we nurture growth and support everyone to have the courage to face challenge and the resilience to persevere, even when confronted by difficulties. We endeavour to provide abundant opportunities which provide a platform for unique strengths and talents to blossom. We aim that everyone feels valued and has respect for themselves, others and the environment in which we live.