



# LEWESTON

## SHERBORNE

This year we are working towards the **CAFOD Live Simply Award**. This award is inspired by the words of Pope Francis who asks, **“What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?”** The **Live Simply Award** is an opportunity for Leweston, as a Catholic community, to answer the call to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.

It is a school wide project that has 9 separate elements looking at Global, Local and School based activities. Each will reflect the **7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching**. Below are details of each principle and the projects we are working on throughout the year.

### 1. Human Dignity

We believe that every person is created in the image of God and that all human life is sacred. We believe in the dignity of each person.

**“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.” Jeremiah 1:5**

*This year we are taking part in the Big Lent Walk 2024 to raise funds and awareness of the work of CAFOD. This will be a whole school event and we will invite parents and parishioners to join us.*

### 2. Family & Community

We believe that working together and helping each other, even those we don't know, strengthens our home, our society and our world.

**"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven."**  
**Pope Francis**

*This year we are hosting a CAFOD Afternoon Tea Event for members of the Parish community.*

### 3. Solidarity & Common Good

We believe we are part of one human family and have a responsibility to help each person achieve their full potential.

We believe in working towards the common good and looking beyond our own personal interests.

**“In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these of mine, you did it to me.”**  
**Matthew 25:40**



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*This year we are competing in a community event, the annual Dragon Boat Racing at the Sherborne Fair. This will raise money for the Sherborne Food Bank.*

#### **4. Rights and Responsibilities**

We believe every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. We all have duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society to protect these rights.

**“Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.” Proverbs 31:9**

*This year we are holding 3 collections of food & toiletries for the Sherborne Food Bank.*

#### **5. Option for the poor**

We believe in prioritising the women, men and children most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. **“The spirit of the Lord is on me, for he has anointed me to bring the good news to the afflicted. He has sent me... to let the oppressed go free.” Luke 4:18**

*This year we are supporting our sister school, Jana Jyoti, in Nepal. Profits from Tuck Shop fund the sponsorship of a student in Nepal. A group of students visited Nepal in October 2023 to work on a project in the village. We are providing Jana Jyoti with school uniform, sports equipment and raising funds for agriculture items.*

#### **6. The dignity of work**

We believe in every person’s right to participate in the decisions that affect their own lives.

**“To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8**

*This year we are raising awareness of the Cafod 'Fix the Food System Campaign' across the school community. Students complete a creative project based on Step Up to the Plate to raise money for CAFOD. CAFOD lunches: Harvest Fast, Ash Wednesday, Lent Fast are simple meals, we donate the money saved to CAFOD.*

#### **7. Stewardship**

We believe that care for our common home is vital for the common good of all people. We believe a true ecological approach is a social approach. We are to be protectors of creation and of one another.



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**"Care for nature so that it cares for us." Pope Francis**

*This year:*

- ✓ *we are planting and decorating three gardens within the grounds of the school. These will be places of quiet prayerful reflection and places of remembrance.*
- ✓ *we are measuring and recording details of the cedar trees in the school grounds. These will be recorded on the Woodland Trust Ancient Tree Inventory.*
- ✓ *we are building bird feeders, re-wild areas, and planting.*