Fashions come and go but...

It is true what they say, fashions come and go but manners are here to stay. So why are manners so important?

Well, manners are like the oil in an engine, they make things go smoothly. So teaching children to say please and thank you is important. It makes them more sensitive to the needs of others and ‘oils’ the conversations they have.

Does this matter?

Well yes actually it does. Not having good manners limits what a child can achieve in life. Manners are a part of what is known as communication skills and that is an essential life skill. Communication skills are so important that they are taught as part of apprenticeships. Whatever job your child does in the future s/he will have to be able to get on with others and that means being able to communicate well and that includes saying please and thank-you.

This does not mean they need to become a doormat. Having good manners may seem old fashioned to some but the fact is they matter. But this does not mean that a well-mannered person has to become a doormat to others; but that is something for another article.