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Bourne Elsea Park Church of England Primary Academy Collective Worship Council—NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our first Collective Worship Council Newsletter of this academic year. Our Collective Worship Councillors would like to share with you the exciting things they have been up to over the past couple of months.



Our Collective Worship Council:

Euan, Samyu, Sophia, Nathan, Luke, Olivia, Harley, Aubree

Our Aims:

To continue to play an active role in planning, leading and evaluating Collective Worship.

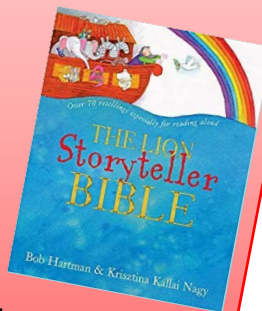
To support the continued development of Bourne Elsea Park as a Church of England School.

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." Matthew 7: 12 (NIV)



We are so lucky here at Bourne Elsea Park C of E Primary Academy to be able to welcome Open the Book into our school every week as opposed to once a fortnight. The volunteers from the Churches Together in Bourne team, along with some of our pupils, bring Bible stories to life with their dramatic performances to the whole school every Wednesday morning.

In previous years, Open the Book has followed our Christian Values programme but this year they are following the course of the Bible using the Lion Storyteller Bible as their script. Their first Collective Worship of the year was the Creation story: In the Beginning. Since then our whole school family (all pupils and all adults) have enjoyed the stories of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph and currently the battles fought by Moses.



Please speak to Mrs Simpson if you would like to join us for our Open the Book Collective Worship one week. We have already had some members of the Christians on Elsea Park group join us and you would be most welcome.



Our Collective Worship Council Teaspoon Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for helping us to respect and take care of ourselves and other people.

We are **S**orry that some people are not doing a very good job of respecting the world.

Please give us the strength we need to be Agents of Change in our future world.

Amen





Earlier this term we were joined by Pastor Nick Humphreys from Bourne Baptist Church when he came to lead a Collective worship about our Christian Value of Peace. He began by asking the school "What is peace?" Frankie (Y1) answered "Peace is harmony." Nandini (Y4) said "Peace is when you're calm." Evie (Y5) said "Peace is when people come together and say prayers."



Ben (Y4) added "Peace is when we don't fight." Nick showed us a picture entitled 'Peace in the midst of the storm' by Jack E Dawson. It has a raging waterfall and a lightning strike above it; it looks far from peaceful at first glance. But then Nick pointed out the bird sitting on a nest within the waterfall. He explained that even though there is chaos around it, the bird is sitting in peace. Peace doesn't always mean quiet. Nick went on to tell us the story of Jesus calming the storm (Matthew 8: 23-27) and explained that for Christians this is the kind

of peace that Jesus offers to them. For our Reflection question Nick asked us to think about how and where we can find our own peace, especially in our classrooms. We are looking forward to seeing Pastor Nick again before the end of term.

A report from our Collective Worship Councillors

Part of our role as Collective Worship Councillors is to evaluate our Collective Worship to make sure that each one has all the important parts in them that make them different from School Assemblies that are not Christian in nature. In one of our meetings, Mrs Simpson asked us to design an evaluation sheet that we can use once a week to keep a check on our Collective Worship. In the end the teachers chose to combine 3 of our designs into one to make the perfect one for us to use. Our next job will be to lead the Advent Collective Worship alongside Mrs Simpson as we prepare for the arrival of Christmas.



Upcoming Dates

6th December: Reception Nativity 9.15am. Reception parents & carers are invited

8th December: Bourne Abbey Church Christingle Service 3.15pm. All welcome

9th December: Years 1-6 at Bourne Abbey Church 2pm. Parents & carers are invited

13th December: Christmas Jumper Day & our Christingle Celebration in school

18th December: End of Term 2

6th January 2020: Term 3 begins

"The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses His people with peace." Psalm 29: 11



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