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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. In this prayer focussed newsletter the Collective Worship Councillors would like to share their thoughts about the COVID lockdown, the return to school and the prayers they have written.



### Our Collective Worship Council:

Agnes, Olivia, Nathan, Aubree, Harley,  
Luke, and Sophia

### Our Aims:

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

To support the ongoing development of Bourne Elsea Park as a Church of England Academy.

### Aubree's Prayer

Dear God,

We pray for the people who help others to feel better and the dogs, cats and other pets too. Please help us to support each other and to be kind to everyone. May we help each other even when we are kept apart and we pray for the day we can hug our family and friends again.

Amen

In our first Collective Worship Council meeting in Term 1, we talked about how COVID had changed our lives both at school and at home. Olivia said "I felt really confused because school was so empty and so much had changed. I really don't like change and I don't cope with it very well. What was really good was having Collective Worship every day. It was the one thing that didn't change. Well except for the fact it was on the big screen and not in the hall. I enjoyed seeing Mrs Simpson on there nearly every day - I think that helped me through the whole thing." Aubree said she missed her class teacher the most and of course her friends. Luke said "I missed seeing people. It was really strange and sad that we couldn't go out and see people. Being able to watch Collective Worship online at home helped me because it was normal."

### Inter Faith Week Of Prayer for World Peace (IFWOPFWP)

This inter faith activity has been happening every October since 1974. It was initially a Christian initiative but it now welcomes everyone, of all faith traditions or none, to take part. Mrs Bradley led our online Collective Worship on IFWOPFWP and encouraged the children to think about what peace means to them. She also gave everyone time within the Collective Worship to be peaceful before finishing with an international prayer for peace.



Scan the QR code to see Luke's Prayer

### Harley's Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for my family and my friends and my school.

Amen

What are the Memory Verses and why we have them?

We introduced the Memory Verses last year as a way of introducing the children to parts of the Bible that they may not come across during Collective Worship or their RE lessons. Each of the verses are explained to them during a Collective Worship or by the class teacher. The children are not

expected to learn them word for word but they are encouraged to think about what they mean and be able to paraphrase them if possible. We have 2 Memory Verses per term and they link to the Christian Value for that term. Last term our Memory Verses linked to Creation and Creativity were:

"I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." Genesis 9-13

"For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything." Hebrews 3:4

This term's Memory Verses linked to Friendship and Fellowship are:

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13

"Sweet friendships refresh the soul and awaken our hearts with joy, for good friends are like the anointing oil that yields the fragrant incense of God's presence." Proverbs 27:9

We are going to be busy this term planning our first Collective Worship this year. It's going to be about Friendship and Fellowship which is our new Christian Value for this term. We've had a few good ideas already so watch this space!

We also traditionally lead the Advent Collective Worships each year so that's something else we are looking forward to as well.



Scan the QR code to see Nathan's Prayer



Scan the QR code to see Sophia's Prayer



Our Christian Value last term was Creation and Creativity Throughout the school pupils were focussed on the importance of the Creation story to Christians and how they are and can be creative in their own lives.

Olivia's Prayer

Dear God,

I am really thankful that I got to go to school in lockdown because I know some children weren't as lucky as me. It felt really strange not being part of a full school family but I felt really safe at school. I am thankful that we are all back together again. Thank you for the NHS and everyone who looks after us.

Amen

"I am so proud of, but not surprised by, the resilience shown by our children and school staff during these difficult and challenging times." Mrs Campbell



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