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Bourne Elsea Park Church of England Primary Academy Collective Worship Council Newsletter

Welcome to our second Collective Worship Council Newsletter of this academic year. In this edition we would like to share some of the lockdown reflection responses with you and think about our chosen Christian Values that are the focus of our daily Collective Worship.



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.

Reflection question: What was your favourite (Christmas) present and why? A pupil in Year 2 really enjoyed learning about Epiphany. After listening to the story of the 3 Kings, mum said "We spoke about the importance of baby Jesus and what we are grateful for. He told me that the most special gifts he received at Christmas were the ones from his family because he loves them so much and they always look after him."

Reflection question: What are the ingredients for a good life? A pupil in Reception said "Family, following the rules, looking after people, loving people, giving a smile, being kind, being good and eating chocolate!"

Reflection question: When was the last time you were kind? A pupil in Y4 wrote "When me and my dad were playing a race game and he was quite a bit behind, I waited for him so that it was a fair race. He caught up with me but I still won. It was obvious he would still lose even if I hadn't had the thought to have paused for him."

Reflection question: Is it easy to forgive? A pupil in Year 5 wrote "Forgiveness is easy if it is practised, to see God in every human form and of course in all living creatures."

Reflection question: Is it easy to say sorry? A pupil in Year 2 wrote "It can be but also can't. You have to say sorry and not do it again. You have to mean it."

Reflection question: How do you show kindness and compassion? A pupil in Reception said "I'm kind because I tell people I love them and hug them."

Reflection question: (St David's Day) What miracles would you perform? A pupil in Year 4 wrote "My miracle would be to stop Covid 19 and to see my friends everyday."

A pupil in Year 2's mum wrote "MS, your Collective Worships are inspiring and G is enthusiastic to join in. **Reflection question:** What would you like to succeed in today? Mum wrote that her son wanted to succeed in completing his school work and also make his food aeroplane for 'Beavers At Home'. He was successful at both."



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www.bourneabbey.org.uk

Rev. Neil Griffiths Collective Worship about Courage
A pupil in Year 5 wrote "My reflections from today's Collective Worship is you have to do what you think you should do and not what others think you should do. You must make your own decision."

What is a Christian Value?

"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:9

Christian values are the principles that a follower of Jesus Christ holds as important - the principles of life that Jesus taught.

We believe these values are empowering our pupils to develop their spirituality and guiding them in personal development as effective learners and good citizens.

As a Church of England school our chosen Christian Values are at the heart of everything we do. Our pupils are encouraged to develop an understanding of the value in action.

Each half term, we focus on a different Christian Value. This is done explicitly during our Collective Worship time, but also throughout our curriculum.

What is Collective Worship?

The law requires that '...every pupil should have a daily act of *Collective Worship* which is 'wholly' *Christian* for church schools'.

Collective worship is time for the whole school to gather and for everyone to be given the opportunity to grow spiritually, and be given a 'time to breathe'. It should be a central element of school life and be an enjoyable and uplifting time for adults and young people alike. (Diocese of Lincoln)

We ensure that our Collective Worship allows our pupils and staff to connect with God, themselves, the Bible, faith, our vision & values and the Church and the community through music, stories, Bible verses, reflection, singing and prayer. We understand that this time should be inclusive, invitational and inspiring.

In term 1 our main focus was **Creation and Creativity** and we revisited **Respect and Reverence** from last year. The creation story introduces the idea of God as the creator of everything and this is just one of His names.

In term 2 our main focus was **Friendship & Fellowship** and we revisited **Peace** from last year. The stories of Jesus and His special friends, the disciples, teach us the importance of treating others with respect just like Jesus did.

In term 3 our main focus was **Perseverance** and we revisited **Courage** from last year. Stories such as The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin help us to understand the importance of not giving up even when life is hard.

In term 6 our main focus is **Thankfulness** and we will revisit **Humility** from last year. It is particularly important during this difficult time of COVID, that we as a school family appreciate the things that we have to be thankful for.

Christian Values at Bourne Elsea Park C of E Primary Academy

In term 5 our main focus is **Trust** and we will revisit **Hope** from last year. Throughout this term we will be talking about what trust is and why it is important. The Bible tells us that God is trustworthy.

In term 4 our main focus was **Forgiveness** and we revisited **Compassion** from last year. Throughout the Bible, Christians are told that God forgives all sins if people are sorry for what they have done and we should do the same.

"Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock."

Isaiah 26:3-4 NIV

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped."

Psalms 28:7

