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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. We would like to introduce our new Collective Worship Councillors and say welcome back to those who are already familiar to you.



Our Collective Worship Council:

Agnes, Emeli, Jace, Amelie, Joshua, Olek, Millie, Isaac and Sorayah

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.

"Be imitators of God, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." Ephesians 5:1-2

"I was a Collective Worship Councillor last year and I really enjoyed it. I wanted to do it again this year because me and my family have been following God's path for years and I thought it would be a great way to carry out God's will."
Jace

"I love RE and learning about Christian Worldviews. I want everyone to show kindness, be caring and look after our school, our community and the world in which we live. I enjoy writing prayers." Emeli

"I wanted to be a Collective Worship Councillor again because I enjoyed doing it last year and although I'm not a Christian, I enjoy learning about Christian stories and helping us all to learn more about Christian Worldviews." Agnes

"I wanted to be a Collective Worship Councillor because I wanted to help organise Collective Worship and to share my ideas." Olek

"I wanted to be a Collective Worship Councillor so I can think of ways to make Collective Worship more fun."
Isaac

"I wanted to be a Collective Worship Councillor because I like helping my friends in the Reflection Area and because I am representing my class in meetings with Mrs Simpson." Joshua

"I believe in making people better people and I think I can do that by being a Collective Worship Councillor." Millie

"I like learning about all the religions and thinking about RE. I like to read the Bible and think about the stories in it." Amelie



We hope you are enjoying our new termly Christian Values newsletters. Look out for our next one on Perseverance in the New Year.

Christingle celebrations have been taking place for over 50 years. Christingles themselves go back much further to the Moravian church in Germany. At a children's service in Marienborn in 1747, Bishop Johannes de Watteville looked for a simple way to explain the happiness that had come to people through Jesus, and created a symbol — the Christingle — to do this. This year we will be celebrating Christingle in a special Collective Worship in school and we would like to encourage you to attend one of the family Christingle services within our local community:

Bourne Abbey Church on 11th December at 3pm and
Bourne Baptist Church on 24th December at 4.30pm. Both churches ask you to take your own orange.



Jace's prayer:

Dear God, please help us to be kind to others. Please give us the gifts of courage and respect. Please help us to be the best we can be. Amen

Isaac's prayer:

Dear God, thank you for creating the animals, the humans and for all the other amazing creatures on planet Earth. Amen

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.



Emeli's prayer:

Dear God, thank you for creating the world and everything that lives in it. Let us pray for a brighter future where everyone shows kindness towards each other. Amen

We were asked to write prayers linked to our Christian Values of Creation & Creativity in Term 1 and Friendship & Fellowship in this term.



Find out more about Bourne Abbey Church at:
www.bourneabbey.org.uk



It has been a delight to welcome Open the Book back to Bourne Elsea Park C of E Primary Academy to lead Collective Worship every Tuesday. 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 Tuesday morning. We would love to say a huge thank you to the volunteers that allow us to experience something very special and rewarding.

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 Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses to name but a few. We know the children love to see our visitors as their faces light up when they walk into the hall and we receive lots of positive comments from the children after every visit.

Please let us know if you would like to join us for one of our Open the Book Collective Worship - you would be most welcome.

Agnes' prayer:

Dear God, thank you for the ways you help us to learn more about you and please encourage us to follow our class charters. Amen

Amelie's prayer:

Dear God, thank you for growing food in the ground for us all. Thank you for keeping us alive and healthy. You are the most special being in the world and we all love you. Amen

"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

