

Welcome to our first termly Christian Values newsletter from our Collective
Worship Councillors for this year.

The aim of this newsletter is to tell you all about our chosen Christian Value for this term.

Our Christian Values

We believe the Christian Values that we have chosen strongly represent our Academy Trust. We encourage our pupils to reflect on and articulate our values to each other, to you their parents/carers, to staff and to visitors. The Bible has so much to offer us in terms of positive personal, relational and community values, and its timeless wisdom can help us pass on to the next generation the qualities of life that are most valuable and which, as a Church school, we believe are not only God-given but also can be God-energised in our lives. We develop our values through modelling it to one another; looking at Christian scripture and stories in Collective Worship. Through whole school worship, class worship, relationships and discussions, we use Bible stories to provide examples of our values and also explicitly give examples of how our pupils can show and recognise these values within our schools.



RESPECT & REVERENCE

Our focus Bible story is the Parable of the Prodigal Son from
Luke 15:11-32

Respect is a core Christian value for our church schools because we believe that all life is precious, within the image of God, and deserves to be valued. Within the school we encourage all, "to treat others as you would want them to treat you." (Matthew 7:12) Respect is one of the most foundational and important lessons we can teach our pupils about interacting with other people. From respecting elders to respecting people with different backgrounds to respecting other children's wishes, the need for respect is everywhere. In our schools, our pupils learn that God made us all different and unique. This is something that we can celebrate together. We learn to value ourselves, each other and the wider community through honesty, tolerance and trust, where everyone has an equal right to our care, time and attention as a reflection of God's love. Throughout his life, Jesus showed respect for the disciples, children, the poor, the sick and the distressed and through our British Values work and our 3Rs we are able to model and promote respect in our schools and in the wider community.



"Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did." 1 John 2:6



FASCINATING FACTS

Religious communities often treat their holy book with great **reverence and respect**. They believe the holy book contains God's teaching.

Christians believe that the Bible is God's word to His people, They show **respect and**

reverence by treating the Bible carefully. In some church buildings the Bible has a special stand called a lectern, from which it is read during worship.

Muslims keep their holy book, the



Qur'an, covered and in a clean place, not on the floor nor with anything placed on top. To show **respect**

and reverence they only handle the book with clean or gloved hands.

Sikhs cover their heads and remove their shoes before going into a room housing their holy book, the Guru

Granth Sahib. To show **respect and reverence** nobody sits higher than the Guru Granth Sahib and no alcohol is ever taken into the room.



TALK TOGETHER about Respect

We are learning at school about the importance of treating others with **respect** even if we sometimes do not agree with the way they behave or the things they say. We have also been thinking about how we should treat the things that belong to us and to other people **respectfully**.

- Think of some practical ways that you show **respect** to each other in your family.
- Often we show **respect** to someone by the way we speak to them. What does this mean in practice?
- Do you treat one another's possessions with **respect**? What does this mean in practice?