

Welcome to our termly Christian Values newsletter from our Collective Worship Councillors. The aim of this newsletter is to tell you all about our chosen Christian Value for this term.



### Our Academy Vision

**We are a community in which everyone is offered the opportunity to fulfil their full potential, to understand themselves and be valued for who they are. Through a stimulating and challenging learning environment, we pursue academic excellence and seek the flourishing of all. This is because we know we are all God's children.**

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" Ephesians 2:10



### 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 and 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 and 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.



### FAMILY FOCUS

**Start a family gardening project: Create a small indoor or outdoor garden.**



- What you'll need: assorted plant pots, soil or compost, seeds or plants, gardening tools
- Choose easy to grow plants or herbs
- Assign each family member a plant to care for
- Watch the plants grow over time and enjoy the fruits of your labour
- Why not keep a photo diary of your mini garden's progress
- We would love to hear about your progress



### CREATION & CREATIVITY

**Our focus Bible story is the Creation Story from Genesis 1:1-31**

**The Bible opens with an account of how God created the Universe and all the things within it. Although Christians have different views on scientific accounts on the creation of the universe, all hold God as the creator. We believe we are made in the image of God and because He is creative, it follows that so are we. If God does something, and models it for us to do, we believe we should strive to do the same and to have the same impact. The Bible tells us we have been handed the responsibility for looking after this planet – something that most would agree that we could do a better job at. Links throughout the curriculum can be made to current environmental issues and the importance of our role as stewards of the planet. Through our values and Eco initiatives in particular, we encourage our pupils to be Agents of Change and to make a difference in the local community and beyond by following God's example and striving to fulfil His expectations.**