

Church School Autumn 2 Update 2021

Collective Worship

In Collective Worship this half term, we have been back inside using TEAMS to live link together. This has been necessary to manage our COVID risk assessment and an outbreak in school. This has also enabled members of our school and community who have needed to self-isolate to join in remotely, when able, with our worship times. This term, we have used the Values for Life resources focusing on the theme of Generosity. Our theme coincided with a large shoebox appeal collection that our children and families kindly donated. Our shoebox appeal supported the charity <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/> and we had many donations thanks to the school community. Our thanks for the thoughtful suggestions and question from parents and children, such as the clever suggestion to include a PE style bag so the child can carry their new belongings around safely.

Ms Wilkinson-Smith, a Foundation Governor, joined our Collective Worship during Inter-Faith week. The aims of inter-faith week are to increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, strengthen good interfaith relations and to increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs. Mrs Wright's Monday Collective Worship gave everyone the opportunity to reflect on their view and those of others in our community and the world who have the same faith, different faiths or no faith.

Our half-termly planning session in collaboration with Barrington School and Rev Felicity took place despite the modified format due to the pandemic. Independently, Mrs Davies and Mrs Penrose suggested the value of resilience for next term! Again, the planning will be based on the Values for Life materials.

Collective Worship Autumn 2 2021 highlights:

Week 1 - We start the half term with beginning to look at the theme of Generosity with a focus on what the Bible says about it from Matthew's Gospel.

Week 2 - Our theme this week is Remembrance. Please do view our '[Events](#)' page to read more about our Remembrance commemorations this year. This term, we remembered two long-time friends of Petersfield – Mr Bryant and Mr Hollands - who gave so generously of their time through their work with the Royal British Legion and through their playing of the piano in Collective Worship respectively. We also unveiled our pupil designed friendship bench, which includes our Christian school values in the design, and Mr Holland's family donated the handmade Holland Trophy.

Week 3 - We continue the theme of Generosity with a focus on the joy of being generous using a story from Mark's Gospel.

Week 4 - We continue the theme of Generosity with a focus on giving time generously. This week, the parable of the talents (from Matthew's Gospel) illustrated our theme.

Week 5 - We continue the theme of Generosity as well as celebrating the beginning of Advent with Christingles.

Week 6 - We continue the theme of Generosity, specifically focusing on generosity for future generations

Week 7 - Our Collective Worship focus this week is on the Christmas Nativity and reflecting on what Christmas means to Christians.



Christmas at Petersfield



also shared a sense of our wider community and the church as they virtually visited Ely Cathedral to participate in the awe and wonder inspired by the Diocese of Ely online live Christingle event.

We marked the beginning of Advent with Rev. Felicity who led our virtual Christingle service. We look forward to the day when we can be back in church together to celebrate this moment in its full glory! However, each class made their own Christingle together. Year 5 and 6 were able to participate in our school Christingle service before they had an unusual but very exciting end to the term embarking on their residential trip to Graham. The rest of the school



We were delighted that the Methodist Tree Festival was able to take place again this year and Petersfield once again contributed to this festival of light. Every class contributed decorations which were hand made to represent the unit of work on emotions and our Collective Worship theme which children have been exploring this term.

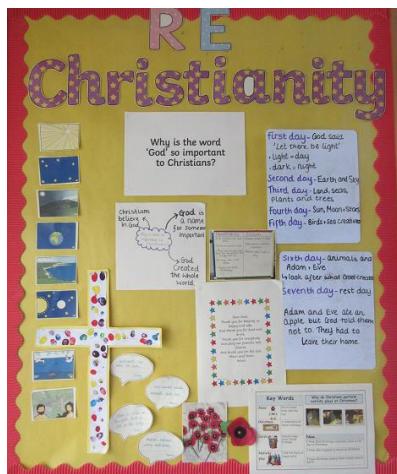


Due to Covid, modifications were made to the EYFS and KS1 Christmas performance to ensure as many children as possible could join in with their part, wherever they were. Our thanks to everyone who made this possible. The performance told the Christmas story and reflected on what is special about Christmas through the spectacular "It's a Party" narrative and songs. Whilst Father Christmas' visit, bringing presents for all the children, and the gift of sweets from FOPS were VERY well received, thanks to the performance, children reflected on the gifts we can offer each other every day and especially over Christmas, as part of our Collective Worship on the Christian value of generosity.

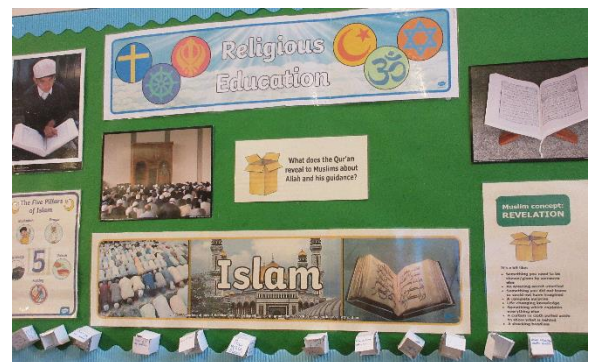


At our final virtual service of the term, Rev Felicity was joined by EYFS actors, year 5 and 6 readers and prayer leaders from all classes to lead the Christmas service. As with the performance earlier in the week, parents and family members from near and far were able to join us and share in these special moments thanks to technology. As well as leading the Nativity, Ash class have played host to our Advent crown during virtual worship so that our youngest children could see the lit candles in person throughout the season.

Religious Education



Our new RE 'Emmanuel' curriculum is now at the end of its first term. After two staff reviews of the provision and outcomes for children, we have agreed we will continue with the scheme for the two-year cycle it is designed for. This enables progression and continuity across the school for RE, both in teaching world religions and the teaching of Christianity. Our children were asked for their thoughts on their work and they responded with enthusiasm. They were able to talk about their 'Hot' assessment tasks, of which many children are beginning to use the hexagon mind



maps well to make connections in their learning.

After a review of RE by Mrs Wright and Mrs Penrose resulting in a staff training session, we have standardised the Learning Objectives including the Big Questions so they are in the same format across the school ready for our January topic. Mrs Reid, one of our Foundation governors, had to postpone her governor visit but is due to meet virtually in the New Year to review the findings and celebrate the progress on implementing the new curriculum since her last virtual visit.



One interesting change as a result of talking to pupils and staff was the renaming of the 'Reflection Corner' to 'Reflection Area' due to the varying locations and uses identified in different classrooms at this time.



We continue to use 'Walk through the Bible' and have now completed 4 out of the 10 Old Testament sections of this resource. The children are beginning to recall the chronology of the Bible through key actions to match the stories.

Mrs Penrose has attended another SACRE meetings this term regarding the planning for the new RE Agreed Syllabus for Cambridgeshire and the wider area required every 5 years. This is due for completion by the 2023 deadline.

Virtually, Mrs Coulson, our Diocese EDRA, visited to share our curriculum learning and to talk about how our Reflective Areas have continued to be well used despite necessary modification over the last year.

