

Collective Worship

This half term, our collective worship theme is friendship. Christians believe they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible because of Jesus. In school, we are considering our big questions:

- How do we demonstrate friendship at our school?
- How do we reconcile when friendships are damaged?

Collective Worship autumn 1 highlights:

Week 1 – This week, we are reflecting on new beginnings as we start the new academic year. Using 2 video clips, including one from Inside Out, we reflect on the emotions we feel at the start of a new term. We focus on joy and our responsibility to make positive choices to support each other as TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More.

Week 2 – This week, we introduce our theme for the half term. The theme is 'Friendship'. This is one of our school values. Christians believe they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible because of Jesus. Our big questions for the half term in school are:

- How do we demonstrate friendship at our school?
- How do we reconcile when friendships are damaged?

To launch our theme, Rev. Felicity introduces the story of David and Jonathan and reflects on how they continued to be good friends in good times and bad.

Week 3 - In our choral worship this week, we are singing our songs for our Harvest Festival at church. Please do join us at St Andrew's Church, Orwell if you are able – Tuesday 1st October. Non-perishable food goods or a monetary donations will be invited by anyone able. In our worship this week, we continue to think about friendships and consider the value of relationships over material possessions.

Week 4 – We continue to sing as we look forward to celebrating Harvest in school at church next week. We invite donations of non perishable, in date food and toiletry items for our local foodbank and we will be raising money for Machemba school. If you would like to bring a donation, please be mindful that your child needs to be able to carry it to church on Tuesday. This week, Rev Felicity reflects on the experience of Simon Peter, who let his friend down when he needed help. We have been reflecting on reconciliation, forgiveness and strengthening friendships.

Week 5 – This week we enjoy our Harvest service in church. We continue to reflect on how in school we reconcile and think about our behaviour policy. We are all responsible for telling other what we like and do not like. We cannot assume the other person knows what we want when we play. We are all responsible for working together to reconcile. If we need help, adults are there to help us restore our friendships and to support us to play – we ask for adult help rather than "telling".

Week 6 - This week, we reflect on a story from the Bible where four men helped their friend by bringing him to Jesus. We reflect on the range of emotions we might feel. We reflect on how we can best help our friends.

Week 7 - This week we have continued to reflect on the role of the School Council and how we can be a good friend to others -even if we disagree with each other.

Week 8 - This week, we reflect on how trust is important in friendships. We hear the Bible story of Naaman and his wife. We consider why we can trust our friends and conclude the half term by sharing our reflections on the theme of friendship, responding to our big questions:

- How do we demonstrate friendship at our school?
- How do we reconcile when friendships are damaged?

Our Church Community

Jon Young, the new Director of Education for Ely Diocese, joined us in school for the first time as part of the successful recruitment process where Ms Perkins was appointed as the permanent Co-Headteacher alongside Mrs Penrose.

Religious Education (RE)

This term, we have begun implementing our new Kapow RE curriculum. We will be updating the website with more information through the term. A summary can be found on the class pages which contain this term's curriculum maps and homework menus.

As part of her role in a SACRE working party, Mrs Penrose piloted the first in a series of presentations for SACRE members designed to explore what RE and Collective Worship look like across a range of Cambridgeshire schools.