

Church School Spring 1 Update 2022

Collective Worship

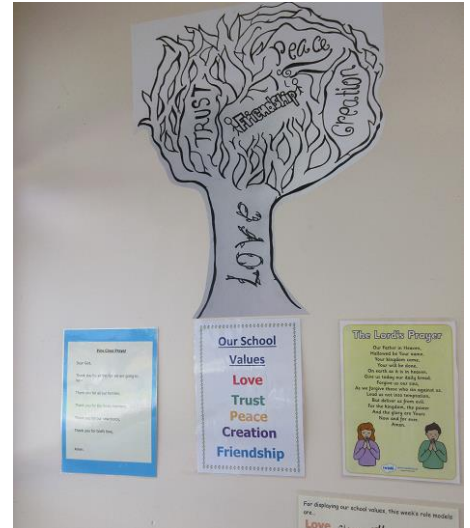
We have continued our daily Collective Worship through TEAMS with each class joining virtually. This continues in response to the ever-challenging times of Covid and has been required as we have been managing outbreaks. The bonus of continuing this way is that it helped the many self-isolating pupils at home to join together with us despite being physically distant.

Our children continue to take roles leading Collective Worship through, leading Bible readings, contributions and prayers. Each week we have shared a Bible story that links to our weekly theme. This half term our theme has been Perseverance. Using the Values for Life materials, we have explored perseverance using the Bible and other stories and people as inspiration.

As part of our work on 'sticky learning', we have been orally rehearsing key concepts in lessons. In Collective Worship, we spoke of 'perseverance to get the job done' but also explored times when we persevered without a specific end goal, such as with our value of friendship.

We have linked our Collective Worship theme to our school focus on metacognition and our learning super powers. In our Headteacher Awards on Wednesdays, the theme of perseverance included presenting children with our new 'tickled pink' slips which aligns with our whole school Feedback policy. The children have been taking these home to celebrate with their parents in recognition of their efforts in school.

Our pupils regularly share their thoughts on Collective Worship through pupil voice. Staff are also routinely involved in reflecting on our Collective Worship and Foundation Governors planned to attend. Everyone participates in suggesting next steps as we continue to develop our virtual provision. Children reflect on the main message from the Collective Worship and have recently commented on popcorn prayers – a suggestion which came from a member of staff who heard about it from their own child's recount of the introduction of this in another local church school. It was modelled first by Yew class.



Rev Felicity and Mrs Davies from Barrington school joined us virtually in our half termly Collective Worship planning meeting in the last week of half term. We were excited to receive Bishop Stephen's Lent Challenge and this links beautifully with our Collective Worship theme for next half term – courage. This theme, which resonates with our Recovery Curriculum and work on resilience and perseverance, will run across the Spring 2 and Summer 1 half terms and the Lent Challenge will thread through our Collective Worship throughout Lent.

The Church Community

The School Council continue to communicate on behalf of us all with our parish partner church & school in Malawi. The School Council are planning a sponsored Fun Run in Spring 2 with funds to be split between Petersfield and Machemba school. In Malawi, they are hoping to purchase desks for the children to work at. If you would like to sponsor the children's fundraising efforts and join us in making a difference to the lives of children in this country and in Malawi, please contact us at office@petersfield.cambs.sch.uk for more information.

Collective Worship Spring 1 2022 highlights:

Week 1 - We start the year with a New Year theme welcoming us all back to school and our learning. God gives us fresh starts and we reflected on this in our time together.

Week 2 - Our Christian Value this half term is Perseverance. We look at persevering with the truth and what the Bible says about this. We also look at Greta Thunberg as a role model for perseverance.

Week 3 - We continue to look at our theme of perseverance and consider what it means to 'finish the job'. We link this to the story of Jesus healing the paralysed man.

Week 4 - This week we look at what it means to persevere to the end and what the Bible says about this in the New Testament and Jesus' parables.

Week 5 - We continue with the theme of perseverance, hearing stories from the New Testament: The Lost Sheep and the Lost Son.

Week 6 - We conclude our theme of perseverance and look at the story of the Hare and the Tortoise and our school values and learning super powers. We reflected on how these are related.

Religious Education

This half term, staff and Governors have attended a range of training provided for us by the Diocese of Ely. Knowledge Organisers are increasingly used across our curriculum and a recent training session, which included further resources, enabled staff to develop these further. Looking in pupil books, you will see the 'hexagons' from our Emmanuel Scheme of Work are used as an assessment tool to enable children to demonstrate and make links between their learning throughout the topic as they consider the 'Big Question'. We appreciated the opportunity to share good practice and ideas with other church schools at a Diocese of Ely twilight training event.

We continue to use the Walk Through the Bible resources to allow children to explore the stories of the Bible.

Mrs Penrose attended the termly SACRE meeting this half term and is also part of the Agreed Syllabus Group. This group meets monthly and has already met twice. The RE Agreed Syllabus <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/imported-assets/Agreed%20Syllabus%202018%20-2023.pdf>, which covers Cambridgeshire schools, is in place until 2023 so the Group is tasked with reviewing the current syllabus and drafting a new syllabus for 2023 onwards.

Leaders, including governors, attended a series of training as part of our journey reflecting on our school vision as a church school. Our strategic plan includes a review of our school values and vision in 2023 to reflect the changes in our school since our last review.