

Spring 1 2023 Church webpage

Collective Worship

Our collective worship this term focuses on our school value of peace. Engendering peace is integral to life at Petersfield. Linked to our continued focus of supporting children to learn to play together and learn to fall out and reconcile well, you can read the information shared to support for parents working alongside us to facilitate peace in our [newsletter update](#)

Peace: Thessalonians 5:v13 "Live in peace with each other". Peace is a Christian value that helps us to respect each other, recognising all opinions and giving us a firm framework for life, and tolerance in school, the wider community and the world. We aspire to embed this value throughout the school in order to provide a safe and inclusive learning environment that encourages discussion of all ideas, so promoting a deeper understanding of each other and the wider world.

Collective Worship Spring 1 highlights

Week 1 – We start the year welcoming the children back to school and reflecting on the New Year. Christians believe that God always wants to give people a new start. We reflecting on how friends are important and help us with a fresh start and prepare for a peaceful New Year.

Week 2 – Together with Barrington, our Collective Worship theme for the half term is 'peace' and reflect on our perceptions of this. Using our 'windows, mirrors and doors analogy, together we reflect on how peace is represented in stories and music we know and in Psalm 23 from the Bible. We take this opportunity to rejuvenate our reflection areas in school for the term ahead.

Week 3 – This week, we continue to think about how we can 'Live Life to the Full' and are reflecting on the Bible story of Abraham and Lot and reflecting on the quarrel. We reflect on how this helps us understand our values of peace and friendship.

Week 4 – This week, we are exploring reconciliation as a way to bring about peace. Children will be thinking about sign and hand signals that convey meaning and planning a 'peace corner' for their classroom. Holocaust Memorial Day will be considered in relation to our theme.

Week 5 – This week in Collective Worship, we hear the story of St Francis of Assisi and reflect on how he brought God's peace to people he met and the situations he faced. Together, we explore what we can do to bring about peace in our daily lives and in the wider world we continue to think about our role as courageous advocates.

Week 6 – As we conclude our half term theme of 'Peace' we reflect on famous peacemakers such as Mother Teresa, Betty Williams and Desmond Tutu and using our Windows, Mirrors and Doors analogy, answer our big question "**How can we create Peace at Petersfield and in our wider community?**"

Our Church Community

Linked to the calendar of the church year on Plough Monday, the first Monday after Epiphany, Gog Magog Molly joined us in school to lead workshops and to explain about the tradition and Molly dancing.

GenR8 visited school to work with year 6 who reported 'It was very fun! It was all about choices and how the ones we take affect our future'



We continue to welcome out EDRA – Ely Diocese Regional Advisor into school – in person or virtually - to celebrate all the fantastic things happening at Petersfield and to reflect on our progress against our school priorities which you can read [here](#).

Thanks to the our successful capital funding bid and the amazing hard work of Mr Wilson, Vice-Chair of Governors, the next major building project is underway at Petersfield to significantly improve the quality of the learning environment in school.

Our Standards Committee of the Full Governing Body visited school before their meeting this term. Evidence of the implementation and impact of the Religious Education curriculum and children's views of our Church School were sought through looking at books and talking to pupils.

Religious Education

We continue to embed our RE Scheme of Work based on the Emmanuel Curriculum. You can find out more about the unit that children learn across their time at Petersfield by clicking [here](#).

Mrs Penrose attending training delivered by Diocese to support with the concept of 'salvation'. This was recorded so it has now been shared with all teachers to support their planning.

Mrs Penrose attended the most recent meeting of the Agreed Syllabus Conference in preparation for the launch of the 2023 Agreed Syllabus for RE planned for the summer term this year.