

Summer 1 2023 Church webpage

Collective Worship

This term, our collective worship (planned with Rev. Felicity and Barrington) has focused on the theme of compassion.

Christians believe that their attitudes and actions should reflect the kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus and the love of God for everyone.

Collective Worship Summer 1 highlights:

Week 1 – This week, we introduce our collective worship theme for the half term – compassion. Our big questions for the half term are: How do we show compassion to ourselves and others? How do we demonstrate kindness, respect and empathy?

Week 2 – This week, we reflect on the story of the feeding of the 5000 and how God used the gift of one small boy to make a huge difference. We reflect on different ways in which we can share with others.

Week 3 – This week, we explore the Bible story about Ruth and consider honour and respect for older members of our family and community. We reflect on the wisdom and experience that older people can offer younger people.

Week 4 – This week, we reflect on the Christian Belief that all people in need are our neighbours. We consider how we can be courageous advocates.

Week 5 – This week, we are looking at our school rules and the proposed changes to them to make them simpler and clearer. More information will be shared on the newsletter after the children have reflected on them. We will learn about Ascension. Ascension is the time in the Christian calendar when Christians believe Jesus ascended into Heaven. We conclude the week by reflecting on what compassion looks like at Petersfield.

Week 6 – This week, we learn about how Dorcas showed love for God in practical ways to improve the quality of life for those on the margins of her community. We reflect, using our windows, mirrors and doors analogy, on our local community and the action we can take. We have also been talking to the pupils about our new school rules which have been condensed into: **KIND RESPONSIBLE SAFE**. Linked to our theme of compassion & our big question about being respectful and kind, we have started to explore these rules.

The GenR8 session this term tasked us with thinking about who we look up to and why. Through drama, they explained that for millions of people around the world, Jesus is their role model. The person people look up to as an example for how to live their lives. The way Jesus lived his life has inspired, motivated and guided people over the last 2,000 years and still does today.

Our Church Community

As the King was crowned the Defender of the Faith, we were delighted to share our celebrations for the King's Jubilee with the school community, despite the weather being against us! Well done to all the children for their performances of song, music and dance, from across the Commonwealth and thank you to all the staff for supporting pupils to learn these songs and routines. Well done to all of our comperes, who had to make last minute changes to their scripts to adapt to the indoor events. Our bake sale raised around £200 in support of FOPS. Our Star Bakers, and were awarded beautiful rosettes for their cakes

very kindly hand made by Mrs Course. Mrs Course and Mrs Horsley, our school cook, judged the pupils' bakes. They were very impressed with the high standard of decoration and found it very difficult to choose a winner in each class. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the school look festive in time



for the coronation weekend and for supporting with serving refreshments and offering pre-loved uniform at our event. All the pupils of Petersfield wish to especially thank FOPS for donating a beautiful pin badge memento of this historic occasion to every child. It was a wonderful occasion, and we were so pleased to share it with parents and carers.

During our recent interviews, candidates were asked to plan Collective Worship, discuss RE and explain their view of why they wanted to work in our church school.

Thanks to all our volunteers who continue to demonstrate our value of friendship by attending school to volunteer to support us in a range of ways. Our Friendship Club now runs weekly thanks to a kind donation from the Orwell Friendship Club when it was dissolved last year. The School Council planned with pupils how to spend the donation specifically to foster our school value of friendship, and it was decided that the money would be spent purchasing board and card games chosen by pupils. Each week, pupils drop in and enjoy playing games together supported by a very kind parent volunteer.

Pupils and staff are thankful for the donations of board and card games, books, plants and seeds made by our generous local community this term.

We welcomed Jacqueline McCamphill, Diocese Head of Stewardship, into school to review our building following the building project, which is now fully operational and has transformed the quality of the learning environment in school. We have already planned our summer term project which is phase 2 of the electrical work started last summer. We continue to offer our thanks to Colin Wilson – our Vice Chair of Governors - who gives his time and expertise to the school to ensure the learning environment is the best it can be with the available School Improvement Funding received via the Diocese.

This term, Mrs Penrose and Governors have attended further virtual and in person training hosted by Ely Diocese. We have particularly been focusing on our vision and how we enable all members of our school community to flourish as they **Live Life to the Full**.

Our Ely Diocese Regional Advisor (EDRA) visited virtually on the last week of this half term.

Religious Education (RE)

Despite a busy half term including strikes, Bank Holidays and assessment, RE has continued to be prioritised and taught throughout this half term and the Big Questions with the Big Questions shared on the Curriculum Maps and Learning Links.

Diocese continue to share training with us to upskill teachers in the teaching of high quality RE.