

**School Church Webpage/Understanding Christianity/Spring 2021**

## Collective Worship

Remote learning continued into the second half of the Spring term and so our remote learning offer continued for daily Collective Worship through TEAMS. The pupils in school and at home continued to participate by offering to read and share prayers. Rev. Felicity continues to visit us remotely, once a week, to share with us and the children engage well by leading mini dramas and Bible readings as part of our time together. Each week we share a Bible story that links to our weekly theme. This half term, we have focussed on Lent and explored the links to our school values throughout including in our celebration assemblies.



## Collective Worship Spring 2 highlights

In the Spring 2 half term we have focused on the following each week:

Week 1 – This week we are beginning our Lent Challenge which is based on the theme of ‘A hope and a future’. We also begin to look at the value of ‘justice’ and what the Bible says about this.

Week 2 – This week we are continuing our lent challenge and learn about how Christians believe that Hope in God and in faith can make a difference in our lives.

Week 3 – This week we continue the lent challenge and learn how Christians find hope in their communities. We look at stories in the Bible that bring hope.

Mothers' Day - We were particularly pleased to invite mothers and female carers to our Mothers' Day virtual event.

Week 4 – This week we explore the idea of hope across the world in our Lent Challenge. We think about how we can find hope in God in a global context.

Week 5 – This week we complete our Lent Challenge and think about how hope invites us to plan for the future. We look at two key Bible verses that offer us all hope.

Our pupils continue to regularly share their thoughts on Collective Worship through pupil voice. Staff are routinely involved in observing and improving Collective worship as an ongoing self-improvement process. Governors are invited to attend Collective Worship and celebration events remotely and feedback.

## Religious Education (RE)

In the last week of term, we continued our whole school 'Understanding Christianity' with another themed day of learning. EYFS and KS2 focussed on the theme of Easter and what it means to Christians. KS1 dug deeper into what Christians believe about God's character. KS1 also studied the Easter story through their main RE lessons in the month of March.



## The Bishop's Lent Challenge

Bishop Stephen's Lent Challenge for 2021 took the theme of 'A hope and a future'. As we were still working remotely, we introduced this to our whole school community via a prerecorded video. Children, parents, staff and governors were invited to participate in this exploration of the



theme across the five week period. It culminated in the last week of term with

a digital presentation. This snapshot of our Lent response, celebrated the contributions made throughout Lent and provided an opportunity to reflect on the challenge. Click here on the link for full access to the presentation. <https://www.loom.com/share/82fc5e60a6c546d4bcf607f040b74e20>

### **Continued Collaboration**

Our RE leader continues to attend RE update training and recently attended a session about how to use knowledge organisers and stories more effectively in RE lessons. We have now received the first of the new 'Emmanuel' curriculum resources which we plan to begin using over the coming months ready for these to be a central part of our RE curriculum for 2021 onwards. We continue to work as an extended team with Barrington Primary C of E School and Rev. Felicity to share planning for Collective Worship and support each other in the planning and teaching of the Biblical values. Given the challenges faced by everyone in Lockdown Remote Learning, we have planned to revisit key aspects of the Spring 1 Collective Worship, especially where this is linked to our school values, to ensure inclusivity. A particular highlight this term was a benefit of remote learning, which enabled us to share in a joint virtual Collective Worship with Barrington C of E Primary School to mark the end of term and the beginning of Holy Week – a special time in the Christian Calendar.

