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## Ethos Committee Newsletter 2021/22 Edition One. Collective Worship.

Our school Ethos Committee had its first meeting of the new academic year this week. The aim of the committee is to help us think about the way that our school's Christian vision that 'we can do all things' helps all the members of our school community to thrive.

The committee meets each half-term. It has a pupil representative from each class from Y2 to Y6, as well as three school staff and two school governors on it.

The pupil representatives talk to the children in their classes and bring their views along to the meeting for the committee to consider and act upon. The outcomes of the meeting are then explained to the children by the pupil representatives in our ethos committee feedback and put into this newsletter for parents and carers to see.

The focus of the meeting this week was on the collective worship that we have done over this half-term which has been focused on the Christian value of trust. There were four questions that the pupil representatives asked their class mates. These questions and some of the children's responses to them are set out below:

### **How has our collective worship helped you?**

*It has helped me to trust in God more.*

*It has taught me new Bible stories - like the one about Gideon.*

*It has taught me not to lie because people will not trust you - like the story of the boy who cried wolf.*

*It has taught me to take care of our planet.*

*It has taught me to have faith and trust other people.*

*I have learnt to trust myself and never give up.*

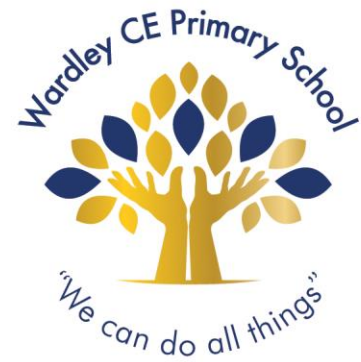
*It has helped me reflect on myself and what I believe.*

*It has helped me trust my friends more.*

*It has made me think about giving people a second chance.*

*It helps me feel safe, secure and understand more.*

*It has helped me see how the values of our Wardley Way are incorporated into some Bible stories.*



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## What things do you remember best from collective worship?

*The story of Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding.*

*The story of Jesus in the boat. He trusted God would save them from the storm.*

*The story of Gideon.*

*The story of the boy who cried wolf.*

*The prayers that each class writes.*

*The story of Jonah and the whale.*

*The idea that God is our anchor.*

*I like picturing the Bible stories in my mind as I listen to them.*

*I remember the reflection work we did on what the consequences of losing someone's trust would be.*

*The story of the paralysed man.*

## Did the courageous advocates make you think differently at all?

*Yes!*

*Yes - it made us want to take care of our environment more and question why people throw litter on the floor.*

*Yes - made me think about recycling and saving energy.*

*Yes - made me think about riding my bike rather than going in the car.*

*It made me think I want to help make the earth healthy again.*

*It made me think about pollution.*

*It made me think about the rainforests even though they are not local.*

*It has made us think about the little things we can do.*

## What do you think would make collective worship even better?

*More Bible stories - Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5.*

*More opportunities to sing - Y2.*

*To go into the hall for collective worship more - Y3 & Y5.*

*To have Mr Gallimore coming back into school - Y3.*

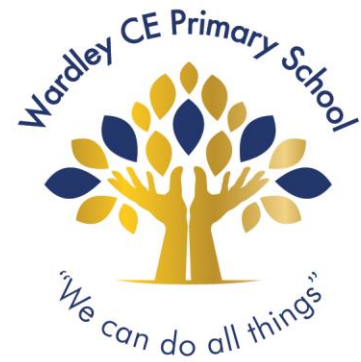
*To have more Courageous Advocate opportunities - Y4.*

*More Y6 prayer spaces - Y5.*

*More chances for sharing ideas and stepping up - Y6.*

*The chance to share our home spiritual books - Y6.*

*Adding more from our collective worship to God's Garden - Y6.*



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**In response to these ideas it was decided by the committee that:**

*We will have at least one Bible story a week in our collective worship.*

*That we will be in the hall for collective worship every Monday, Thursday and Friday. The collective worship will be done in class on a Tuesday and Wednesday using Google classroom to support it.*

*We will have a song in every act of collective worship in the hall.*

*We will invite Mr Gallimore (who works for the Church and School Christian Outreach Trust) to come into school each half-term to share Bible stories and songs with us.*

*We will have opportunities for the infant and junior children to take on the role of being a courageous advocate every half term.*

*We will have a Y6 prayer space event every half-term.*

*The children will have the chance to bring their home worship books into school to share every Thursday.*

*We will be displaying prayers from our collective worship and the Y6 prayer spaces in God's Garden.*

We were really impressed by the quality of the children's ideas about our collective worship this half-term and how well the class representatives presented them to the committee in this week's meeting.

We look forwards to seeing how their ideas to make our worship even better work out over autumn term two.

The Ethos Committee.

