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Ethos Committee Newsletter 2021/22 Edition Two.

Collective Worship.

Our school Ethos Committee had its second 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. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions the school governors were unable to attend the meeting this half-term

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?

The Bible stories help us to understand the Bible, Jesus, God and being Christians.

The words of the prayers help us to be kinder.

It has helped to explain to us what some things mean that we did not know before.

It has helped us to think about homeless people and how to help those in need, like donating to Food banks.

It has helped us think about doing good things and saying nice things to others.



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It has helped us to think about treating other people with respect and forgiveness.

It has helped us to understand that we can be generous not just with money but by giving our time to someone and by being kind and helping them.

It has helped us to think about how we can look after our environment.

It helped us to know more Bible stories.

It has helped us to learn more about Jesus.

It has helped us think about bullying and how to stop it.

It has helped us to think before we act.

It has helped us to have more forgiveness.

It has helped us learn more responsibility.

What things do you remember best from collective worship?

The Bible stories and their messages such as The Emmaus Road, Jesus calming the storm and the Foolish Father.

Mr Gallimore's stories and songs.

The Home-worship books.

The prayers.

Did the courageous advocates make you think differently at all?

Yes!

Yes - it made us think about taking care of the earth by not polluting or littering.

Yes – it made us think about taking care of each other.

Yes – it made us think about not judging people by their appearance or before you know them.

Yes – it made me think about how we are all the same.

Yes – it made me think about treating people in the way that you want to be treated.

Yes – it gave me a better understanding of what racism is and why it is wrong.

What do you think would make collective worship even better?

More Bible stories.

More school council led worship.

More opportunities to look at other religions.

More opportunities to sing in collective worship.

More visitors coming in to talk to us.



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

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

We will look at links to other religions in our collective worship and the themes that unite us.

That the Y6 school counsellors will continue to do a prayer space activity at the end of each half-term. This is in addition to the weekly input that they have on leading our Thoughtful Book worship.

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 spring term one.

The Ethos Committee.

