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## **Ethos Committee Newsletter 2021/22 Edition Three. Collective Worship.**

Our school Ethos Committee had its third meeting of the 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 five pupil representatives, 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 justice. 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 us to learn about kindness and how to treat other people in the way that you would want to be treated.*

*We like the way the Bible stories teach us lessons.*

*The Bible stories have helped us learn new things about Jesus.*

*It has taught us how to do the right thing.*

*It has showed us how we must stand up against people who are unfair.*

*It has helped me be a better person and a good friend.*

*It has helped us understand that God's love is pure and strong.*

*It has shown that there can be consequences if you make bad choices.*



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*It has helped us think about what is just and fair.*

*It has shown us how to help others and the difference between right and wrong.*

*The theme of justice has helped us understand fairness more. It has enabled us to think differently about how people should be treated.*

*The Bible stories such as Jonah have shown us how to forgive.*

*They have helped us understand that we should love our neighbour as ourselves.*

*They have helped us to show equality and justice.*

*It has helped us understand the Holy Trinity.*

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

*Bible stories.*

*The songs we sing in the hall.*

*The music man with the guitar.*

*Learning about the Holy Trinity.*

*Home worship books.*

*The Y6 prayer spaces.*

*The prayers.*

*All being in the hall together.*

*The colours of the cloth on the worship table.*

*Thoughtful books and the opportunity to share our thoughts.*

*The mix of virtual and hall based worship.*

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

*More Bible stories.*

*More opportunities to sing.*

*To go into the hall for collective worship more.*

*More chances to bring in our home worship books.*

*More children sitting on chairs.*

*An act of worship in the afternoon.*

*Different visitors coming into worship.*

*Andrew Gallimore coming into school more.*

*A class member reading out their class reflections.*

*Write a new school prayer.*



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### **What actions as a school could we take as courageous advocates?**

Raise money for a charity.

Make posters to put up around our local community for issues like recycling and not dropping litter.

Class sponsored event for charity - like a cake sale.

Planting trees and flowers.

Plant a tree for the Queen's Jubilee.

Reduce waste food at lunchtime.

Sponsor a child's education.

Litter picking in the local area.

Display courageous advocates work in school.

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

*We will have more Bible stories in our collective worship and also have a collection of Bible stories linked into the core values of our Wardley Way that the teachers can use in class with the children.*

*We will look to have more opportunities or the children to sing in our collective worship.*

*We will invite all the children to write a new school prayer. The ethos committee will then look at the entries and choose one of them to be our new prayer.*

*We will look at how we can sponsor a child and make this the focus of our fundraising.*

*We will invite children to make posters about some of the issues we have looked at in courageous advocacy which we can then display in our local community – including at All Saints Church.*

*We will plant a tree in the school grounds to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.*

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 two.

The Ethos Committee.