

St. Paul's CE Junior School



Flourishing Together, Rooted in Love

Collective Worship Policy

Rationale

Collective Worship at St. Paul's CE Junior School takes place daily in accordance with the provisions in the 1998 ERA. The whole school meets together daily in the hall, usually at 3.10pm. The content of the collective worship meets the requirements of a Church of England School.

Practicalities

Worship lasts 15 minutes. Monday's worship is focused on the Open the Book programme, led by members of our local parish church, St. Paul's. Each Monday pupils are involved in the presentation of a Bible story in order to develop and extend our understanding of the Bible.

Tuesday's worship is either at the local parish church led by church leaders, or Hymn practice- Big Sing led by our music subject leader. Wednesday's worship focuses on the key Christian values as set out by the National Society. It is led by the Headteacher, pupils or visitors.

Friday's act of worship is called Praise Assembly, honouring pupil achievements and celebrating the communal life of the school family.

At significant times of the year additional collective worship are held. They may be led by pupils, staff and visitors. Parents and friends of the school are invited.

Aims

Our worship reflects the Christian foundation of the school and its care for all who work here. Children are helped to understand the meaning of worship and we hope believers will be able to share in it. We aim to cater for the educational and spiritual needs of all our children.

Content and approach

This is linked to the curriculum and presented in a variety of ways and topics include:

Key Christian values as set out by the National Society of the Church of England.

Information about major festivals of other faiths.

Presentation of Bible stories using different translations of the Bible.

Topical material from current affairs.

Literature with implicit or explicit religious teaching.

The natural world and human activity.

Appreciation of talents, achievements, work of the school and visitors representing organisations.

Prayer in different forms.

Appreciation of music as an aid to worship.

Celebration of key Christian events.

Review

This policy is reviewed annually at the start of the academic year. Acts of worship are regularly evaluated by teachers and pupils to ensure that the worship is continually having a positive impact on all members of the school community.

Withdrawals

Parents have the right under the 1944 Education Act to withdraw their children from collective worship if they so wish.

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