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Bourne Abbey Church of England Primary Academy COLLECTIVE WORSHIP COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first Collective Worship Council Newsletter. Our Collective Worship Council here at Bourne Abbey Church of England Primary Academy is made up of a child from each of the year groups across our school.



Our Collective Worship Council

Members of the Collective Worship Council are: Jessica, Benjamin, Georgina, Imogen, Lewis, Freddie, Isabel, Lucy, Emmanuel, Grace, Deima, Kaitlyn and Connor.

Our Aims:

To play an active role in planning, leading and evaluating Collective Worship.

To support the development of Bourne Abbey as a Church School.

Our Christian Value this term has been **perseverance** and we have been exploring the meaning through Collective Worship, Religious Education lessons and most importantly through our determination and perseverance with our daily routines and learning. Father Peter led a Collective Worship where he shared with us the Parable of the Lost Sheep and discussed the importance of persevering and trusting in God even through difficult times.



In Term 4, the value we will be focussing on is **forgiveness**. We will explore forgiveness in many ways, including through the Bible story of Zacchaeus.

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you".

Matthew 6 14-15

Our School Prayer



Dear God,
Think, think of these things.
Being a friend,
Giving a smile,
And helping to make someone else's day worthwhile.

Think, think of these things.

Amen





We have been developing our Reflection Areas around school and it has been lovely seeing the children explore them in a range of different ways.

Our Reflection Areas offer the children a chance to have some quiet time either alone or with a friend. While in these areas they may choose to explore the Bible, read and share inspiring quotes or stories, or tackle the Christian Value challenges that have been set for them by their teachers and the Collective Worship Council. This term we have seen the children persevering with a really tricky puzzle!



Each classroom has its own Reflection Area that the class take can ownership of. The children have chosen what they want in here and how they might want to use it to help them reflect throughout the day.

We are currently exploring the idea of having outdoor Reflection Areas. These Reflection Areas are an important aspect of our Worship in school, and are a place that children can come to for a moment of quiet, to think or to pray. It will be great for our children to have the opportunity to do this outside.



We have been very excited about our new digital mural that takes pride of place in our school hall and offers a beautiful backdrop to Collective Worship. The children chose things that were important to them and of course chose to have the magnificent Bourne Abbey Church as a central image. Reminding us of our close links to the Church.

Upcoming Dates

- Term 4—Value of Forgiveness
- 28th February 2017—Shrove Tuesday
- 1st March 2017—Ash Wednesday
- 29th March—Easter Service
- 9th April 2017—Palm Sunday

During Years 5 and 6, the children are given the opportunity to be Confirmed into the Christian faith. Being Confirmed is seen by the children as one of the privileges of being in Year 5 and 6. The children attend a series of Confirmation sessions in school, led by Fr Chris or Fr Peter. During these sessions, they learn about Confirmation and its significance in the life journey of a Christian.

Here is what some of our children had to say about their recent Confirmation:

"Now I have been confirmed, I feel closer to God." Katie Year 6

"It made me feel special and I really enjoyed the experience." Grace Year 5



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