

Holy Trinity C of E Primary School

Collective Worship Policy

Aims

To provide an opportunity for the children and staff of the school to participate in a daily act of Christian worship that is meaningful and relevant to their lives.

Legal Requirements

The 1988 Education Reform Act requires each church school to hold a daily act of Christian worship, with which Holy Trinity is pleased to comply.

Organisation and Time Allocation

The daily assembly is the setting for the act of collective worship and is usually held in the school hall. The act of worship plays a significant role in the implementation of the school aims and is built around an ethos of Christian worship. The weekly pattern of worship should be varied in content and leadership and should challenge the children and enrich their experience. The weekly pattern gives opportunities to celebrate the life of the school and to focus on Bible based themes, school values and is led by staff, the clergy of Holy Trinity Church, visitors or by a class:

Monday 9.05am – Led by the head teacher, introducing the theme for the week and looking at Anglican traditions and prayers. Worship concludes with celebration of pupil achievement. Each teacher identifies two children who are deserving of commendation for work or attitude during the previous week. These children are congratulated by the school and receive a sticker. Stickers for good behaviour at lunchtime are awarded by the mid-day meals supervisor.

Tuesday 9.05am – Praise and Worship session led by the Deputy Head, the opportunity to worship God with known songs and learn new ones.

Wednesday 9.05am – Led by a member of the clergy of Holy Trinity Church, another member of staff or Bible Club.

Thursday - Led by a member of staff. These sessions are split into key stages. KS1 and FS at 9.05am and KS2 at 11.00am.

Friday 9.05am – Class collective worship, poetry/storytelling/maths competition or sharing good pieces of work. It can also be led by a member of staff or group of pupils.

It is expected that all members of teaching staff will take turns during the year to lead collective worship – normally once or twice each half term. It is also expected that all staff will attend collective worship to demonstrate our commitment to the daily act of worship. It is recognised that parents have the right to withdraw their children from the act of worship. However, in the light of our admissions policy, this should not be necessary. The whole collective worship usually lasts 15 - 20 minutes.

All involved in leading Collective Worship should note:

- The Christian ethos of the school.
- The need for language and content that is appropriate to the pupil's age and to ensure that all pupils will have equal access to the act of worship.
- The act of worship should include a Bible reading, a song, a prayer and time for reflection.
- A theme is set for each week by the RE subject leader and these will link to SEAL, our school values, Anglican traditions and special events. Ideas and suggestions are given and these are to be used as a basis when planning the act of worship.

Resources

Some are kept in the staff room and there are some excellent websites with ideas e.g. Barnabus in Schools.

Monitoring

Feedback about Collective Worship is collected three times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday) in a folder. Each class is given the opportunity to give feedback for a week and then the folder moves to the next class.

Staff will have the opportunity to read the comments which can then influence their planning for Collective Worship.

Reviewed by: Jessica Smith (CW subject leader) October 2014

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