



## R.E. and Collective Worship Newsletter. Term 6 2017.



### Christian Values.

This term our Christian Value focus is hope. Through Collective Worship, we will think about our own hopes for the short and long term as well as hopes for our local, national and global communities. Acts of Worship will have hope as their main theme and the hymns sung will also link to hope.



This stands for Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development which is central to each child growing up to be citizens who are aware of making the right decisions, as well as having time to reflect and also be aware of the world around them and cultural diversity. Children have opportunities to develop their spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) understanding in all lessons. Examples of this include -

Spiritual - reflecting on their thoughts, learning or opportunities,

Moral - thinking about making the right choices

Social - working with children from groups that may or may not be in their friendship groups

Cultural - appreciating music, art and sporting opportunities that are from around the world.

### Religious Education this term

Below are the Big Questions that each Year group will be investigating this term.

Year R - Why do Christians believe that the world is so special?

Year 1 - What do Jesus' stories (parables) teach Christians about God?

Year 2 - How does being a Christian affect the way that a person lives his or her life?

Year 3 - What provides guidance and inspiration for Jewish people?

Year 4 - Why do people of different faiths believe which inspires them to make special religious journeys?

Year 5 - What do Muslims believe about the way they should live their lives and why?

Year 6 - Is prophecy significant for Christians today?

This is the final term of the current RE Scheme of Work. From September, we will be using the framework from 'Understanding Christianity' for our Christianity based lessons. Teachers have already had training in this resources and are looking forward its launch in September!

### Church Diary Dates this term:

Pentecost 4<sup>th</sup> June



#### What is Pentecost?

Pentecost is the third main celebration in the churches year. The name Pentecost comes from a Greek word which means 'fiftieth' - celebrated fifty days after Easter.

Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of flames to the followers of Jesus, as recorded in the New Testament. When the disciples received the Holy Spirit they then began to go out and preach about Jesus .

More information about Pentecost can be found here:

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/whitsun.html>

### School Diary Dates in Church this term:

Family Service	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June at 10am - led by
Family Service	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July at 10am - led by Maple Class
Leavers Service	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July (pm) - led by Sycamore Class

Sycamore Class will also be taking part in the Pilgrims Way Schools Partnership Leavers Service on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Year 6 children from West Malling, Platt and Trottiscliffe will join those from St George's to celebrate the times we have had in our schools and look forward to what lies ahead. Year 6 parents are welcome to join us in the service from 1:30pm.

#### A Prayer about Hope By Jennifer Gilbody – Sycamore Class

I hope that the world takes a long, hard look in the mirror and becomes a better place with no terrorism or poverty.

These acts have ended some futures and shaped our past.

The children of tomorrow should not have to endure the tragedy and the horrors faced by many. Amen.

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