



R.E. and Collective Worship Newsletter. Term 1 2017 - 18



Christian Values



Our six overarching Christian Values remain as: Respect, Courage, Kindness, Forgiveness, Honesty and Hope. Our 'value of the term' is Respect and we will feature learning about respect in our PHSCE lessons as well as the focus in Worship.

Thinking about Respect, the overwhelming message is to 'Treat others as you would wish them to treat you.'

Changes to RE teaching



This September, we have begun to use new materials to teach RE in a different way. Each topic has a 'big question' which through the course of the unit is answered.

Understanding Christianity is a new resource which seeks to develop and enhance the quality of teaching about Christianity in RE in all schools, raising the standards of pupil achievement.

The feedback from teachers so far has been very positive and I look forward to hearing what the children like about the new resources soon.

Topics for this term:

Year R - What makes us special?

Year 1 - What do Christians believe that God is like?

Year 2 - Who made the world?

Year 3 - What is it like to follow God?

Year 4 - What do Christians learn from the Creation story?

Year 5 - What does it mean if God is loving and holy?

Year 6 - Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?

These new units will not affect the amount of Christianity / other religions which are taught. The proportion of lessons about Christianity remains at 2/3, as specified by law.

We want to know what you think:



As part of our self evaluation as a Church school, we will shortly be sending out a questionnaire to ask for your opinions of our school. Please return it as it will help us to move forward - every feedback counts!

School in Church Dates:



Oak Class Bible Service - Tuesday 19th September 1:30pm

Year 5 Bible Service - Monday 25th September 10am

Harvest Festival - Monday 9th October (at school) Year R & KS1 9am

Harvest Festival - Monday 9th October (at Church) KS2 11am



Food donations for our harvest campaign this year will be for our Food Bank which distributes food to those who require it within our local community. We shall be joining the with St George's Church to donate any monetary donations to Rochester Diocese Poverty and Hope Appeal.

Advanced warning!

Festival of Light - Friday 6th October (from 5:30pm)



A Prayer for the start of the new school year -

*God of wisdom,
Give joy to those beginning for this school year;
Give them love for those they meet,
Give them hope for those whose future touches theirs,
Give them strength for each day
And the knowledge of your presence by their side.
Amen. (cf www.churchofengland.org)*

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