



ST STEPHEN'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN CENTRE COLLECTIVE WORSHIP IN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS

Southwark Diocesan Board of Education



The daily act of Collective Worship is a legal requirement in all schools. In a Church of England School it should always be Christian worship and it should reflect the traditions of the Church of England, developing learners' understanding of Anglican traditions and practice. Collective Worship needs to make a major contribution to upholding the religious character and Christian distinctiveness of a church school and ensuring that it is understood and owned by all pupils, staff and governors. The importance of worship therefore should be central to the life of the school.

Collective Worship should be of the highest quality, engaging participants and it should aim to inspire pupils and staff, enabling spiritual growth. It should provide opportunity for everyone in the school to participate; this includes the chance for pupils to lead worship.

There need to be opportunities to:

- pray and express praise and thanksgiving to God;
- reflect on the attributes of God;
- reflect on the teachings of Christ;
- affirm Christian values and attitudes;
- foster respect and unity;
- share each other's joys and challenges;
- celebrate special times in the Christian Calendar;
- deepen spiritual awareness and reflection.

There should be a partnership with the Incumbent/School Chaplain in developing and leading the school's programme of Collective Worship and use made of the school parish church for some worship.

Collective Worship should have an effect upon the thinking and day-to-day actions of the whole school community outside of the act of Collective Worship itself, impacting upon school life and on the daily lives of the members of the school community outside school. For Collective Worship to be outstanding there should be a clear structure which includes creative and thorough planning and a formal system of evaluation. For this reason it is recommended a Faith Group, involving a wide variety of stakeholders, meets periodically to monitor Collective Worship policy and practice, listening to pupils' views and ideas.

For Collective Worship to be truly effective and make a complete contribution to the Christian distinctiveness of the school, it is desirable that the whole school community should be included. In particular, no pupils should be excluded as experiencing daily Collective Worship is their entitlement and an important aspect of being part of a church school.

It is expected that by working in a church school, the staff share the vision and distinctive Christian ethos of the school and readily participate in Collective Worship. Although legally parents have the option of withdrawing their children from Collective Worship, it is expected that by applying to a church school, parents understand the school's distinctive Christian character and recognise that Collective Worship is central to the life of the school, therefore not feeling it necessary to withdraw their child. For these reasons it is vital that the aims of Collective Worship are properly understood by the whole school community and that although the Collective Worship is clearly of a Christian nature, it is inclusive and affirming and therefore seen as non-threatening and relevant for all pupils in our diocesan church schools.

Organisation of Collective worship
 Agreed: June 2013 (Schools Committee)
 Review: June 2016

 ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE	
MON	Celebration assembly KS1, KS2 and Reception 10.30 – 10.45 HT
TUES	Christian Values assembly KS1 and KS2 10.30 – 10.45 AHT
WED	Spinnaker assembly/ Activate Voice (Jordan Music workshop) KS1 and KS2 10.20/10.30 – 10.45 AHT
THURS	Singing assembly/Class assembly KS1 and KS2 10.30 – 10.45 NE
FRI	Worship assembly KS2 and Yr 2 9.00 – 9.30 Christian Values assembly Yr 1 – in class (CT to lead) 9.00 – 9.15

Christian Value overview 2016 – 2017

TERM	VALUE and MEMORY VERSE	FESTIVAL/EVENTS/ TALKING POINTS
AUTUMN 1	<p>Compassion</p> <p><i>'Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.'</i> Ephesians 4:32</p>	<p>12th – 18th September – Recycle week 13th September – Roald Dahl day 7th October - Friendship day Black History Month – October School council elections/PM elections Harvest festival Thank you Vicar week – 16th Oct – 23rd Oct</p>
AUTUMN 2	<p>Trust</p> <p><i>'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy paths.'</i> Proverbs 3:5.6</p>	<p>Bonfire Night – 5th November Remembrance Day – 11th November Christmas 14th – 18th November – Anti bullying week 14th November – Children in Need Appeal week starts</p>
SPRING 1	<p>Endurance</p> <p><i>'We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.'</i> Romans 5:3-4</p>	<p>6th Jan – Epiphany 16th Jan – World religion day 28th Jan – Chinese New Year 2nd Feb – Candlemas 7th Feb – Safer Internet Day</p>
SPRING 2	<p>Forgiveness</p> <p><i>'Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.'</i> Luke 6:37</p>	<p>Shrove Tuesday - 28th February Mothering Sunday – March 26th Easter March 2nd -World Book Day March 21st – World poetry day</p>
SUMMER 1	<p>Friendship</p> <p><i>'My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friend.'</i> John 15: 12-13</p>	<p>St. George's Day – April 23rd April 22nd – Earth Day 14th – 20th May -Christian Aid week</p>
SUMMER 2	<p>Hope</p> <p><i>'For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.'</i> Jeremiah 29:11</p>	<p>Trooping the Colour – 17th June</p>