



November 2019

Bourne Abbey Church of England Primary Academy

Collective Worship Council NEWSLETTER



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

Our Aims:

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

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." Matthew 7: 12 (NIV)



Members of the Collective Worship Council for 2019/20 are: **Kitty, Jack, Annie, Holly, William, Casey, Ellie, Benjamin, Alex, Sam, Georgina, Peter, Eleanor, Honor, Ellie-Jo and Isabella.**

For Term 2 at Bourne Abbey C of E Primary Academy our Christian Values are Friendship and Peace. Pastor Nick Humphreys from the Bourne Methodist Church led our Collective Worship on the 5th Of November. Peace can be interpreted in different ways and looks different to each one of us. Some children thought that peace means sitting in a quiet place having time for reflection. Others thought that peace means to make good choices towards one another and not harm one another. Pastor Nick explained that in the midst of our everyday busy lives and chaos that finding a moment of peace is valuable and important as this is what Jesus, through his teachings, also wants us to find. Through the Bible story of the Stilling of the Storm, Pastor Nick explained that Jesus can give us peace in the middle of life's storms and for this we give thanks. When things go wrong, we can turn to Jesus and trust that he will help us through the hard times by taking a moment.



Peace is God's intention for the whole of creation, and through our Collective Worships we will be encouraging the children to appreciate peace and providing opportunities for reflection throughout our busy day to day lives. Children will also be encouraged and reminded to solve their differences in a constructive way and to develop skills as a peacemaker. Pastor Nick closed our Collective Worship with two reflective questions for us all to consider:
Can you take a moment of peace each day in your busy day to day lives amongst the chaos? How can you make a difference being peaceful where you are?
Jesus said: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Matthew 5:9"

Dear God
Teach us to trust in you
So that when
unexpected storms in life
come,
We will expect peace in
the midst of those
storms.
Thank you for being
by our side through
the good times and
the bad.
Amen

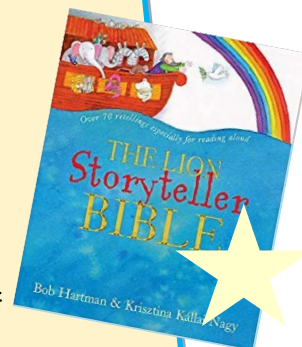




We are so lucky here at Bourne Abbey C of E Primary Academy to be able to welcome Open the Book into our school every week. The volunteers from the Churches Together in Bourne team, along with some of our KS1 pupils, bring Bible stories to life with their dramatic performances to the whole school every Wednesday morning.

In previous years, Open the Book has followed our Christian Values programme but this year they are following the course of the Bible using the Lion Storyteller Bible as their script. Their first Collective Worship of the year was the Creation story: In the Beginning. Since then our whole school family (all pupils and all adults) have enjoyed the stories of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph and currently the battles fought by Moses.

Please speak to Miss Swanson if you would like to join us for our Open the Book Collective Worship one week.



A report from our Collective Worship Councillors

Part of our role as Collective Worship Councillors is to evaluate our Collective Worship to make sure that each one has all the important parts in them that make them different from School Assemblies that are not Christian in nature. We support teachers to evaluate Collective Worship and collect this information so that we can make Collective Worship even better! Later this term we will lead the Advent Collective Worship alongside Mrs Smith and Miss Seymour as we prepare for the arrival of Christmas.



This term our Christian Value is Peace. Jesus said: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9) Peace-making actions can range from helping to resolve conflict to creating space for stillness. Christians believe that peace is God's intention for the whole of creation, and is a promise that awaits ultimate fulfilment.

Through our Collective Worship we will be encouraging the children to remember how to instil peace within their everyday lives and providing opportunities for calm reflection.

Upcoming dates

- 24th November - Confirmation Service at Bourne Abbey Church Year 5 and 6 10am
- 30th November & 1st December - Christmas Tree Festival at Bourne Methodist Church
- 4th December - KS1 and Year 3 Carol Service at Bourne Abbey Church 10am
- 5th December - Reception Nativity BAPA KS2 Hall 9.15am
- 8th December - Christingle at Bourne Abbey Church 3.30pm
- 11th December - Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Service at Bourne Abbey Church 10 am

