



Agape, Courage, Thankfulness

Cherry Hinton Church of England Primary school Collective worship Policy

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul and love your neighbour as yourself.

Aims:

- To establish, explore, and reinforce the common Christian values of the school community: Agape, Courage and Thankfulness.
- To highlight and nurture the spiritual dimension through experiencing worship.
- To provide an opportunity to celebrate Christian festivals.
- To heighten awareness of the ultimate questions / realities of life and to provide the opportunity to reflect upon these.
- To enable children to appreciate their worth and value to God, and to the community, and to respect the integrity of each individual as a child of God
- To enable pupils to make effective use of silence in opportunities for reflection, contemplation, meditation and prayer.
- To celebrate gifts, talents and achievements.
- To foster a feeling of community and belonging in the school through a sharing of experiences and feelings.
- To develop personal relationships, to encourage social development and the promotion of British values.
- To provide an opportunity to empathise with the needs of others.
- To provide an opportunity for children to become acquainted with people from the local and wider community, particularly the local church.
- To encourage respect and care for God's creation by a positive attitude to both local and global environmental issues.
- To foster feelings such as awe, wonder, thankfulness, mystery and joy.
- To provide an opportunity to bring personal needs and those of others before God in prayer.
- To share with participants some of the central teachings of the Christian faith and thereby give them the encouragement to explore their own beliefs and understanding of God within a Christian framework.

These aims have been borrowed freely and adapted from Aims of collective worship Diocese of Ely 2020

Planning and resources for collective worship

The school has developed and resourced a three- year rolling programme of Collective worship, which explicitly links to our three Christian values and the Christian festivals. The collective worship co-ordinator plans the Collective Worship framework half- termly and writes guides for acts of collective worship delivered by staff. The children are encouraged to lead and take part in worship with the co-ordinator acting as a facilitator. For major festivals the collective worship co-ordinator, head teacher and clergy meet to discuss plans and procedures for inviting visitors to take part in worship in school. Our Harvest, Christmas and Easter Services are held at St Andrews and parents are invited to attend. Our Year 6 are invited to a leaver's assembly at one of the local churches.

All staff lead and attend Collective worship. The vicar of St Andrews and the minister of the local Baptist church also lead regularly.

Members of staff take it in turns to choose their favourite reflective piece of music for the whole community to gather to and share why it is their favourite piece. A candle is lit during reflections and prayers. The children are invited to respond with Amen at the end of prayers if they agree.

Resources

Resources for collective worship have been taken from:

And are saved on the staff share under collective worship

The legal right of parents to withdraw their child from collective worship

Cherry Hinton Church of England Primary school recognises the right of parents to withdraw their children from collective worship and understands that any withdrawal should be made in the appropriate section of the admission form. The school emphasises the central importance of the act of Collective worship to the daily life and ethos of the school.

This policy was updated in 2020. All staff and Governors were offered the opportunity to read and comment.

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