

# **RE & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP NEWSLETTER**

## SPRING TERM 2020

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path Psalm 119 vs 105

After an exciting Christmas we are hopeful that this New Year we will have an amazing lead-up to Easter, working closely with our new Vicar at St. Mark's Church, Rev Trev!

We live out our Vision each and every day in all that we do at school, providing the children with opportunities so they can be the best they can be, in their relationships with each other and growing spiritually. Please pray for us as a school that the love we share together flows out into our community and beyond...

<u>Vision/Christian Values at St. Mark's through</u> <u>Collective Worship</u>





We will be continuing to focus on a Christian Value for 2 weeks in Collective Worship with reflections in class. How the children show their understanding of these values is celebrated in our Child of the Week Celebration on a Friday morning. Christian Values for this term are Endurance, Friendship, Trust, Creation, Koinonia and Humility. Our weekly Collective Worship Plan is as follows: Monday - Worship Singing/Bible verse of the week/Christian Value of the week Tuesday - Scripture focused worship/Class assemblies

Wednesday - Christian Value focus led by Leadership Thursday - Christian Value focus led by Clergy Friday - Child of the Week/Christian Value of the week Celebration

See the <u>Collective Worship Plan</u> attached to see which <u>Vision Statement</u> we are focusing on in Collective Worship each week. Please guide your children through their

understanding of these.

#### Our Whole School Christian Values are -

Compassion, Wisdom, Justice, Koinonia, Peace, Trust, Forgiveness, Endurance, Reverence, Hope, Friendship, Humility, Thankfulness, Service and Trust.

#### Celebrations at St Mark's Church

Remember man Uhat you are dust and into dust you shall return.



Please join us to celebrate our festivals in school and at St Mark's church this term. Beginning of Lent 'Ashing' Service – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 10am Easter Service – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10am Year 4 Class will be acting out the Easter Story!

Please see the St Mark's Church website for all the things going on at the church including Children's Groups www.stmarksn4.com

<u>We would love for Parents and Carers to</u> <u>remember us in your prayer this term...</u> Emerald - Please pray that we are good listeners' Sapphire - Please pray for us to be kind to each other'

Ruby - 'Please pray for us to be creative children' Opal - 'Please pray that we have fun and keep good health'

Coral – 'Please pray that we learn to treat people fairly' Jet – 'Please pray that our Class Assembly is a success!' Onyx – 'Please pray for us as we revise for our SATs'



The scheme introduces a 'BIG QUESTION?' each term which forms the topic of study.

This first half term most classes will be studying another faith..followed by an Easter theme after half term..

Reception - Why is Jesus special/Why is Easter special?

Year 1 - What does it mean to be a Muslim/What are God's rules for living?

Year 2 -What are the 5 pillars of Islam/What do the Easter Symbols mean to Christians?

Year 3 -What does it mean to be a Jew?/Who is the most important person in the Easter Story?

Year 4 - What is the importance of symbolism, teaching and beliefs in Hinduism/ How does Holy Communion build a community?

Year 5 - What do Sikhs believe/ What happens in church at Easter?

Year 6 - What does it mean to be a Buddhist?/What is the hope of Easter?

Please support your child's learning by asking them questions about what they have been learning in RE and coming in to look at their RE books..

We now have a good understanding of the Core Christian Concepts and have some beautiful hall art for you to see that the children did last term..if you haven't seen it yet please do!

God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Creation – The universe and human life – in God's image The Fall – The separation of God and humans

People of God - Trying to find the way back to God

Incarnation – Jesus as the answer – God in flesh Gospel

Salvation – Jesus' death and resurrection – people are saved Kingdom of God – Living as God intended – empowered by His spirit







Each week we will be learning a new

bible verse so that by the end of the term the children can say them all off by heart! Please encourage your child by helping them to learn them at home and explaining to them what they mean.

Ecclesiates 4 vs 9 - Two are better than one because if either of them falls down..one can help the other up.

Philippians 4 vs 13 - I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Psalm 26 vs 3 - When I am afraid I put my trust in you

Romans 8 vs 28 - We know that in all things Gods works for the good for those who love Him.

### We welcome Rev Trev and his wife Lois to our school community..



Please join us as we pray for them and ask God to bless their time with us. May God give them the courage and guidance they need to fulfil their roles.

Don't forget to introduce yourselves to them when you see them around and about!

Have a wonderful Spring Term,



God Bless, Mrs. Sarah Bearfoot RE and Collective Worship Leader/SENCO