



# RE & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN TERM 2018

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

Welcome to our very first RE Newsletter - the first of many!

Each Term we will be informing you of any updates in RE Curriculum and Collective Worship for assemblies. RE and Collective Worship are hugely important in our life at St. Mark's and we hope that the newsletter will keep you better informed about what is happening at school and also give you information about the Christian Festivals we will be celebrating in church this term. We welcome your comments for improvements for the following term!

### Christian Values at St Mark's through Collective Worship



We will be continuing to focus on each Christian Value for 2 weeks in assemblies with reflections in class. This will give the children opportunities to talk about what the values mean to them in their own lives.

We will be supported by Rev. David from St. Mark's church and Sam the Children's Worker to deliver interesting and fun assemblies that the children can relate to.

Please feel free to attend any assemblies if you would like to see what we do!

**Christian Values for this term are Reverence, Peace, Thankfulness, Justice, Wisdom and Humility**

Our weekly assembly plan is as follows:

**Monday** - Worship Singing/bible verse of the week

**Tuesday** - Class assemblies beginning 25<sup>th</sup> September

**Wednesday** - Christian Value focus led by Leadership

**Thursday** - Christian Value focus led by Clergy

Our Christian Values are -

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

### Festival Celebrations



Please join us to celebrate our festivals in school and at church this term.

Harvest Festival - 11<sup>th</sup> October at 11am at St. Mark's  
**This year we will be raising money through Christian Aid towards the Floods in Kerala Appeal**  
Advent Service - date tbc at St Mark's  
Nativity - date tbc at St Mark's

We will keep you posted through the school newsletter as dates are confirmed.

Look on the Christian Aid website for more information about the Kerala Appeal

[www.christianaid.org](http://www.christianaid.org)

RE Curriculum Update



We are beginning to follow the new Scheme of Work developed by the London Diocesan Board for Schools (LDBS) this year. Last year we trialed some of the units of study and the staff were very positive about it.

<https://www.lpbs.co.uk/re-worship/re/re-units-learning/>

Here is the link if you want to view the whole Scheme of Work for RE...

The scheme introduces a 'BIG QUESTION?' each term which forms the topic of study. 85% of the Curriculum is Christian Based and 15% Other Faith in line with the requirement for Church of England schools.



The 'BIG QUESTIONS?' are as follows

Reception - Who made the wonderful world and why?

Year 1 - What responsibility has God given people about taking care of creation?

Year 2 - Why did Jesus teach the Lord's Prayer as the way to pray?

Year 3 - What is the bible's big story?

Year 4 - How did belief in God affect the actions of people in the Old Testament?

Year 5 - What do the miracles of Jesus teach?

Year 6 - What is the journey of life and death?

Children will be bringing home some RE Home Learning activities some weeks throughout the term. 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..

### Other News...



Sam, the Children's

Worker from the church will be running Going for God Club at lunchtimes again this term. This is an opportunity for children to explore their own ideas around faith in fun and collaborative ways.

She will also be introducing prayer boxes to each class.

### Bible verses of the week



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.

**James 5:13** ~ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

**Psalm 145:18** ~ The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

**Hebrews 12 vs 14**

**14** Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

**Psalm 29 vs 11**

The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

**1 Chronicles 16 vs 34**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Have fun learning the verses - there will be a certificate for those who can learn them all - and for parents too!



Rev. David our vicar and Sam Ursell our Children's Worker

Have a wonderful term,

God Bless,

Mrs. Bearfoot

RE and Collective Worship Leader/SENCO