



Vernham Dean Gillums' Church of England Primary School Christian Values Newsletter Spring 2018

Our core Christian Values are:

Love

Jesus loves us, and that helps us love others.
'We love because he first loved us'.
1 John 4:19

Hope

Everyday is the first day of the rest of your life.
'With God all things are possible'
Matthew 19:6

Courage

Embrace new experiences, take courage and believe in yourself.
'Be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart'.
Psalms 31:24

This term has been very brief and we already find ourselves in the run up to Easter. Following our recent cold snap, with hopefully a few special memories from our recent bout of snow, new signs of life are on the horizon. Sadly at the end of this term we say goodbye to Miss Thompson, however we will be welcoming Mrs Hawkings into our school family.

The focus for our Christian worship last half term was:

Responsibility

We started this theme by considering how we can be responsible for what we say, how we use our time and when it is right to be angry. We then shared the parable of the Three Servants from the Bible, to help us understand how important it is to use our talents wisely and help others.

The focus for our Christian worship this half term is:

Forgiveness

We shared the story of The Prodigal Son at the start of this theme to introduce how important it is to say sorry and be forgiven. The children were posed the question: 'Is it always easy to forgive?' They discussed this during a class worship and debated their own ideas and feelings around this.

Child's prayer:

Dear God, Thanking for helping us to forgive others and to say sorry when we have made mistakes or been unkind. Help us to show love and forgiveness even when it is hard to do.

In Your name, Amen

Matilda Summerfield (Year 6)

RE units this term:

These units will be starting to change as our school takes on board the new 'Understanding Christianity' units of work, being trialled initially in Maple and Oak Class this half term.

	Spring 1 concept:		Spring 2 concept:	
Willow	Special	Special places	Celebrating new life	Celebrating Easter
Maple	Remembering	Passover	Salvation	Forgiveness - Why does Easter matter to Christians?
Oak	Creation	Christian/Hindu creation story	Salvation	Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?
Beech	Laws	Jesus the Law breaker	Resurrection	The empty cross

At the end of the school year, our Year 6 children are invited to the Winchester Cathedral for a special leaver's service. This year they have been asked to decorate a chair and bring it along with them. This chair would then return back with them and could then be used in our own school worships. If anyone has an old dining chair languishing somewhere in a shed or garage who would be able to donate it please let me know.

Rev Trev

Rev Trev works closely with an orphanage and some schools in Bungoma Kenya and will be visiting them in April. We have begun to find out about the work the charity does to support children there and he has invited children from our school to write some letters for him to take out with him. We hope it will be an ongoing link between our two schools

Thank you for all your support, Clare Price (R.E. and Worship leader)