

Hutton Henry CE Primary School Collective Worship Policy and Themes

Our Vision

We believe it is our responsibility to show our pupils the value of all people, to celebrate difference, and to take a stand for acceptance and inclusion. We see the wider Christian community as our church, and the parish as our natural partner. We strive to provide a stimulating and caring environment rooted in Christian values which develops our pupils, who can contribute to and shape the world in which they live. Our creative curriculum provides a range of opportunities that allow all children to flourish to their full potential, experience their own successes, grow in confidence and develop life long skills and attitudes. Children are encouraged to have a “big voice” and influence school life and the wider world beyond. Our school motto “Together We Succeed” encapsulates this.



Introduction

Collective Worship at Hutton Henry C.E. (Controlled) Primary School takes place every day in accordance with the schools Trust Deed and the consistent with the faith and practice of the Anglican Church.

The staff and governors of Hutton Henry C.E. Primary School see the main purpose of the school is that of providing a high standard of education, both academic and social, in a Christian context, ensuring that this provision is made available to all of its pupils. It is an important aim of the school to nurture a sense of personal worth for all its pupils through encouraging them to do their best in order to fulfill their individual potential; recognition of effort, attitude and commitment being as worthy of merit as high levels of achievement. Nurture, in an environment led by Christian Values is our overall aim.

Aims

‘Collective worship in schools should aim to provide the opportunity for pupils to worship God, to consider spiritual and moral issues and to explore their own beliefs; to encourage participation and response, whether through active involvement in the presentation of worship or through listening to and joining in the worship offered...’ (Paragraph 50 Circular 1/94)

Worship at Hutton Henry CE Primary School -

- will be rooted in the schools Christian vision, the bible and the church year
- will be inclusive and accessible for all
- will be invitational, offering all the opportunity to engage whether of faith or of non
- will be inspiring and motivating
- will ensure children experience and appreciate use of symbolism and religious language to express feelings and beliefs
- will allow those pupils with a religious commitment to deepen their experience of worship, and those without a religious commitment to begin to appreciate
- will allow children opportunities to experience and appreciate the use of symbolism and religious language to express feelings and belief.
- will enable pupils to consider spiritual and moral issues and the questions these raise in their lives and the lives of others.

- will enable pupils to make use of silence as a time for reflection, contemplation, meditation and, if appropriate, prayer.
- will encourage respect and care for God's creation.
- will acknowledge the things which have meaning, value and purpose for the pupils as individuals, as well as for the school and the wider community.
- will develop a sense of community within and beyond the school.
- will celebrate achievements, special occasions and special events in relation to individual pupils within school, to the school as a whole, the church or to the wider community.
- will acknowledge and respect difference and diversity.
- will explore and share the belief of others

Expectations of pupils:

During Collective Worship pupils will be given opportunities for:

- individual response and reflection
- listening and thinking about the world, themselves and others;
- introducing pupils to the use of symbolism and religious language to express feelings and beliefs;
- sharing in experiences of e.g. sadness, excitement, joy, thankfulness,
- togetherness and challenge;
- silence, stillness, mediation, contemplation and, if appropriate, prayer;
- celebration of the shared values in the school community

Anglican Tradition

As a church of England Primary School we include the following Christian element of collective worship

- The bible is a key part of all collective worship
- The church calendar will be observed throughout the year
- Prayer will be used in a wide range of ways including children developing their own prayer
- Singing in praise
- Experience Christian symbolism in worship and understanding its meaning
- The use of silence and reflection

Organisation

Collective Worship is organised at the centre of the school's daily life.

Worship is organised and led by staff, clergy, members of the church community and involves the pupils whenever appropriate.

Each collective worship will have a clear theme, include the word of god, include elements that engage the children, have an emphasis on response and will aim to send a message beyond the room.

Timetable

Monday	Whole School Worship led by Head Teacher / Open The Book Bible Group
Tuesday	Current affairs assembly looking at global/ national / local stories of interest/ rainbow threads. Reflection / Prayer time – led by class teachers
Wednesday	Key Person Time - led by all staff in school
Thursday	Sing in Praise - led by Deputy Head Teacher
Friday	Whole school Celebration Assembly – including space for prayer and reflection led by head teacher

All Collective Worships begin at 9.05am

Children are encouraged to use the prayer ideas box located in the main entrance to submit ideas for reflection time in assembly. Children are encouraged to lead prayers in assembly. The more intimate environment provided by Key Person Time supports children feeling able to share their own ideas for prayer and reflection.

Location

Worship takes place in the a variety of location. Usually this will be the main school hall, but worship also takes place in classrooms, outdoors or in “ The Hideaway”. We follow the idea that “God is everywhere so we can pray anywhere”.

Planning

Collective worship follows half termly themes which are on a 2 year cycle. We are flexible in the way that we follow these themes as we feel that it is also important to change the theme if appropriate (such as linking it to world events, current affairs or local issues).

Hutton Henry CE Primary is an Educate and Celebrate School and ensures all children feel valued and feel equal. We celebrate diversity. This is a feature in Collective Worship and is evident throughout school life..

Children will be the driving force within each Key Person Session. Adults will be led by the interest of the children and then be key to pulling together the themes and ideas to ensure meaningful reflection and prayer take place.

Right of Withdrawal

The main aim of Collective Worship at Hutton Henry CE Primary School is for it to be meaningful and relevant for all pupils and staff; for those with faith, and for those with none.

It is therefore hoped that parents will not exercise the right they have to remove their child from Collective Worship, but we acknowledge the right that they have to remove their child without any explanation. Any child who is withdrawn from an act or acts of Collective Worship will be supervised during that time by a member of the school staff.

Monitoring and Review

It is the role of a named school governor with responsibility for religious education and collective worship to monitor the policy and practice of collective worship. The governor concerned liaises with the Head Teacher before reporting to the governors on religious education and collective worship.

Planning Overview

CYCLE 1	Church Calendar	Values	Other
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Autumn 1	Harvest/ Creation	Courage Kindness FRIENDSHIP*	Rainbow Thread Autumn - Black history
Autumn 2	All Saints/ All Souls Advent Christmas	Peace	Courage (Anti Bullying) Rainbow Thread Autumn – Environmental issues
Spring 1	Epiphany	Endurance LOVE*	Chinese New Year Rainbow Thread Spring – Women in society
Spring 2	Mothers day Lent Holy Week Easter	FORGIVENESS*	Jewish Passover Rainbow Thread Spring – Environmental issues
Summer 1	Pentecost	Hope Thankfulness	Rainbow Thread Summer – LGBT+ issues
Summer 2		COMPASSION* Community (Koinonia)	Moving onto new challenges Rainbow Thread Autumn – Environmental issues

CYCLE 2	Church Calendar	Values	Other
Autumn 1	Harvest/ Creation	Truthfulness Resilience	Rainbow Thread Autumn - Black history
Autumn 2	All Saints/ All Souls Advent Christmas	Generosity FORGIVENESS*	Courage (Anti Bullying) Rainbow Thread Autumn – Environmental issues
Spring 1	Epiphany	Humility Kindness	Chinese new year Rainbow Thread Spring – Women in society
Spring 2	Mothers day Lent Holy Week Easter	Justice forgiveness	Jewish Passover Rainbow Thread Autumn – Environmental issues
Summer 1	Pentecost	Wisdom Service	Rainbow Thread Summer – LGBT+ issues
Summer 2	Respect	ENDURANCE* FELLOWSHIP*	Moving onto new challenges Rainbow Thread Autumn – Environmental issues

*our chosen school values

Collective Worship Planning Format

What is the Theme?	What will I do to make the worship feel special?
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	Greeting?
Word of God ?	Engaging Resource/ activity?
Response?	Sending out?
Music/ song ?	Specific resources to remember

Trusted sources to use for support with content for collective worship are -

- Worship Workshop - <https://www.worshipworkshop.org.uk/>
- ISING POP resources - *One Drive – Hutton Henry staff – collective worship*
- C of E Faith at home resources - *One Drive – Hutton Henry staff – collective worship*