

## Collective Worship at St. Benedict's C of E VA Junior School

Our aim as a school is that our acts of worship are:

- Invitational,
- Inclusive,
- Inspiring.

**We have some form of worship each day, and on every day but one, we meet as a whole school:**

| <b>Day:</b> | <b>Act of Worship/where:</b>  | <b>Led by:</b>   |
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| Monday      | Collective Worship in the School Hall.<br>We introduce a BIG Question for the week, which the pupils then explore in Class Worship and are encouraged to discuss at home. Responses to the 'BIG Question' may feature on our weekly newsletter.<br>The BIG Question will often link to one of our three values: <b>Community, Resilience, Kindness.</b> | Head/member of SLT   |
| Tuesday     | Collective Worship at St. Benedict's Church – this year our Open the Book stories are coming from the Old Testament.<br>On alternate Tuesdays, our vicar David, or Kieron, the curate, will take Collective Worship based on the New Testament  | Visiting Christians every other Tuesday and vicar/curate on alternate weeks. |
| Wednesday   | Singing Praise  | Mrs Coton  |
| Thursday    | Class Worship (sometimes year group worship). This will usually link to either Monday or Tuesday's Collective Worship theme.  | Class teachers.  |
| Friday      | Celebration Praise: a celebration of successes and achievements in and out of school in the past week.<br>Parents of certificate winners are invited to join us to make it a school community event.<br>New this year: Values award   | Head/member of SLT (teachers invited up to hand out awards)                  |

### A taste of Collective Worship

Our BIG Question focuses on a different topic each week and is designed to promote discussion and debate, both in classrooms and at home. The BIG Question may be based on a spiritual, moral or cultural question. Examples include, "What do you think St. Benedict's top three values should be?", "If you could ask the Universe one question, what would it be?" and, "Is it ever ok to copy?"

**We frequently feature pupils' BIG Question responses in our weekly newsletter. Some examples include:**

## **The BIG Question**

This week's BIG Question is **'What would you like to be remembered for?'**

Following lots of discussion and debate, here are some of our favourite answers...

"For being a kind-hearted person."  
***Daisy, Year 4***

"For being Me (and the next David Attenborough)" ***Freya, Year 6***

"For being a wildlife protector."  
***Sophia, Year 3***

"For being the crazy singing Harry Potter lady!" ***Miss Grenter***

"For being an officer of the law."  
***Austin, Year 3***

"For being amazing at drawing."  
***Hendrix, Year 3***

"For kindness and caring for others."  
***Charlotte, Year 5***

"As a doctor." ***Chester, Year 5***

"For being good at baking." ***Miss Mills***

"For being a good friend." ***Aimee, Y6***

## **The BIG Question**

Each week, Mr Ranger will introduce a BIG Question in Collective Worship on Monday. The aim is for the school community – pupils, parents and staff – to discuss and debate this BIG question during the week and decide what their own answers are.

Last Monday, our first BIG question was, "If you could ask the universe anything and it had to answer, what would you ask it?"

Tortoise Class had great fun discussing the question and asked questions such as,

"Why are there spiders?"

"Is there life on other planets?"

"Why do we have money?"

Aisha in Year 6 asked,

"Where does water come from?"

Other questions included, "What happens when we die?" and "If God created the universe, who created God?"

**We'd love to know any questions from home...**

Mr Ranger is now going home to ponder next week's BIG question!!



## Collective Worship in Pictures:



**The Visiting Christians re-telling the story of The Walls of Jericho**



**The Visiting Christians break into song: 'Our God is a great big God'.**



**Sophie Cooper visits to talk to our pupils about being Green Mentors**



**The Green Mentors send out a clear message about the environment**



**Harvest Festival**



**Christmas Carol Service**

