

## St Margaret's Lee Church of England Primary School

### Collective Worship

**Date:** May 2017 **Review Date:** May 2018

#### Our Mission Statement:

- We have high expectations of everyone
- We believe every child can and should achieve
- We want children to be happy and safe in our caring, Christian community
- We go the extra mile

#### Collective Worship at St Margaret's Lee

We believe that in our daily collective worship we try to create an occasion, which produces a variety of responses, one of which is worship. By providing different levels of interest and involvement, all children will feel included, whatever their beliefs or background. However, underpinning our collective worship are the core values of Christianity. It is our aim for children to 'keep their minds open' to learning from the faith and beliefs of others.

Collective worship is from 9.05am to 9.25am each morning, with the exception of Thursday and Friday (10.05am to 10.25am)

The following timetable shows the **usual** structure although this will vary when we have visitors. (see below)

Day	Worship leader	Key focus
Monday	Deputy Head	Addressing the Christian value theme for the half term
Tuesday	Music teacher and SLT	Praise with singing, reflection
Wednesday	Class teachers	Celebration of achievement
Thursday	Children & class teachers, SLT	Celebrating class learning with wider school community, Presenting and reflecting on class learning in RE lessons, reflecting on Christian value theme
Friday	Headteacher	Addressing the Christian value theme for the half term

Although the format of worship will vary, the expectation is always that children are engaged, involved and reflective.

The following elements are a regular part of our school practice:

Music as the children enter the hall	To create an appropriate atmosphere for the time of worship
Welcome and lighting the candle	To remind the children that Jesus, the light of the world is with us
Opening prayer	usually the prayer for the half term (related to the Christian Value theme) or a prayer from the worship leader
A time of reflection	Either a time of silence or listening to music
A hymn	either selected from the term playlist or by the worship leader to reflect the theme of the worship

#### Visiting worship leaders

Across the year, we encourage a variety of guests to either lead or participate in our collective worship, including regular visits from the Rector of St Margaret's Lee Church. Children also make regular visits to St Margaret's church for services led by the Rector.

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### **Involvement of Parents**

Parents are invited to attend their child's Friday class assemblies and other key events such as Christmas, Harvest and Easter, as well as events at church such as School Sunday, Church Tuesday, School Leavers' Service, Lent, Advent etc.

### **Involvement of Governors**

The governors monitor the quality of collective worship primarily through attending and also by monitoring of the collective worship portfolio and through dialogue with children, staff and parents. Governors are also involved in the review of the collective worship policy.

### **Planning the Year**

Collective worship is planned around 18 Christian Value themes (taken from *Values for Life*) over a 3 year cycle. This is primarily the responsibility of the Headteacher and RE Subject Leader. These values link with the Religious Education curriculum planning, to provide a cohesive, whole school approach to Religious Education.

Alongside this we also incorporate various other events such as:

- Church events
- Saint Days
- Festivals (including those from other faiths)
- National Events
- World Events