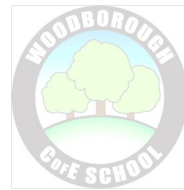


Collective Worship & Religious Education

SPRING 1 : January 2024



'Rooted and grounded in the love of God and the love of learning.' Ephesians 3.14-21

FORGIVENESS

This term we will be focusing on the value **FORGIVENESS** in our Collective Worships. As well as our daily 'teacher-led' Collective Worships, we are also joined by visitors from Open the Book each Wednesday and Revd Rhona Floate, both of whom the children thoroughly enjoy.

Words of Wisdom

"Without forgiveness there is no future.... If you can forgive, then you can move on and even help the person you are forgiving to become a better person"

Desmond Tutu

Read together: Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Zacchaeus was a little man. He was a tax collector and had become rich by making others pay lots of money in taxes to the Romans and to him. He didn't have many friends. When Zacchaeus heard Jesus was in town, he wanted to see him. But Zacchaeus was short and Jesus was always surrounded by a crowd. So Zacchaeus decided to run ahead of the crowd and climb a sycamore tree. From there he could watch for Jesus. As Jesus drew closer, he held his breath excitedly until Jesus stopped right beneath his tree. Jesus looked straight up at him! "Zacchaeus," said Jesus with a smile, "come on down. I want to stay at your house today!" Zacchaeus hopped down. "You are welcome at my house, Jesus," he said with a huge grin. But others grumbled, muttering to each other. "Why does Jesus want to go home with the rich, cheating tax collector? He isn't good enough for Jesus to come and stay at his house." Zacchaeus heard what the people were saying about him and he wanted to put things right. He turned to Jesus and said, "Master, here and now, I promise to give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone in taxes, I will pay them back four times that amount." Zacchaeus wanted to turn over a new leaf because Jesus believed that everyone deserved a new start and now Zacchaeus believed it too!

Bible story based on Luke 19: 2-10



Discussions at home

Everyone makes mistakes, it's part of being human. Sometimes our mistakes hurt others and then we need to say sorry. Sometimes mistakes made by other people hurt us. When this happens we need to be able to forgive.

Think about :

- A time when you needed to say sorry
- A time you didn't say sorry but wish you had
- A time when you had to forgive someone who had hurt or upset you
- How it feels when you are given a new start because someone has forgiven you .



In Class:

The units of work for each class for Term 3 are listed below.

OAK (R)

How do people celebrate?

Islam/ Judaism

SYCAMORE (YR1)

Who is an inspiring person? Who inspires you?

Judaism/ Christianity

MAPLE (YR2)

Why and how do special places and symbols help show people what to believe?

Judaism/Christianity

CHERRY (YR3)

Who is Guru Nanak and why do people follow him?

Do Sikhs think it is important to share?

Sikhism

ELM (YR4)

Justice and poverty: Can religious and non-religious people help to build a fair world?

Could Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?

Buddhism/ Christianity

LIME (YR5)

What are the deeper meanings of festivals?

Hinduism/Christianity

WILLOW (YR6)

What kind of King is Jesus?

Christianity

It is great to see the hard work going on in RE lessons across the school this term and hearing about what the children have learnt about the different World Faiths. If you have any family members/contacts further afield who practise a different world faith, who would be willing to talk to the children or answer some questions, then do please let me know. The children always enjoy finding out from a 'real' person about their beliefs and how this impacts their day to day lives.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Needham

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