



CRIGGLESTONE ST JAMES CE PRIMARY ACADEMY



Ready For The Future

Guide to Collective Worship

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Here at school, we have an act of worship daily. An act of worship can be as a whole school, Key Stage or in individual classes. All worships have a set format (included below) which are followed.

All teachers in school take turns of leading worships and our collective worship committee lead parts of every worship. A rota is sent out before each half term to all staff. The rota includes the half term's value (Trust, Peace, Hope, Forgiveness, Koinonia and Thankfulness), whose worship it is, the theme of the worship and some suggested resources.

Care is taken not to make special days such as world book day, carers day etc turn into an assembly. We may use these themes to base an act of worship on. If an assembly is needed then a separate act of worship will take place that day. Praise time is an act of worship as the collective worship lead with their roles, the words of the songs are explained and explored and a Bible reading is shared. The reading either links to the song or the half term's value.

Our collective worship format is as follows:

- Children walk to worship in a respectful, silent manner
- When entering the hall, a member of the collective worship committee will greet children and staff.
- Children sit in classes, in rows, facing the big screen. Children will have music to listen to and a question/statement to think about whilst all classes enter.
- A member of the collective worship committee will welcome everyone to worship and invite a member of staff to light the candle.
- As the member of staff lights the candle, the collective worship member will say, 'We light this candle...'
- The rest of the hall will respond with, 'To show Jesus' light.'
- This is when the teacher leading the worship will take over and deliver their worship.
- Teachers will involve the children throughout the worship.
- The worship will have a link to a Bible theme/verse/quote/message and where possible a link to another faith will be made.



- There is a member of collective worship committee who reads out a Bible verse, the teacher leading the worship will give this to child before the worship. At least a day before so they can become familiar with it.
- The worship will contain a prayer. This can be led by the teacher or any child who volunteers. The children like to do this and link a prayer to what has been talked about. The Lord's Prayer can be used too.
- Children are not forced to join in the prayer, they are not asked to sit in a certain way (e.g. we do not say, 'Hands together, eyes closed.' Children can look at the candle or look at an image on the screen. Children can put their hands together if they wish. Children can close their eyes if they wish. Children sit respectfully throughout the prayer.
- At the end of the worship, a member of the collective worship committee comes to the front and invites a child to extinguish the flame from the candle.
- A member of the collective worship committee says, 'Just as Noah and the Good Smartian did.'
- The rest of the school replies with, 'We will go through the rest of the day providing service to others and showing that we are ready for the future.'
- The teacher leading the worship will then invite children to leave the hall a class a time. Children will leave the hall in silence whilst listening to the music.
- The collective worship committee will hold the doors.
- The collective worship committee will set up the hall and tidy away at the end.
- There is a board outside the hall which informs all members of the school community who is on the collective worship committee and their current role/s.

Our week of worships look like this.

Monday - whole school

Tuesday – Praise Time – whole school

Wednesday – KS2 Key Stage worship and EYFS/KS1 class worships

Thursday – EYFS/KS1 Key Stage worship and KS2 class worships

Friday – Vision worship – whole school

Monday -Thursday worships start at 10:45 and finish at 11:10

Friday worship starts at 2:30 and finishes at 2:50/3:00



There are two collective worship reflection boards in school where children can reflect on a question about the worship. The collective worship committee change the question weekly and collect responses from the board.

There is also a big collective worship reflections book which classes take a turn in using. Each class has the book for a week and chooses a worship they would like to respond to.

All members of the school community are invited to all worships.