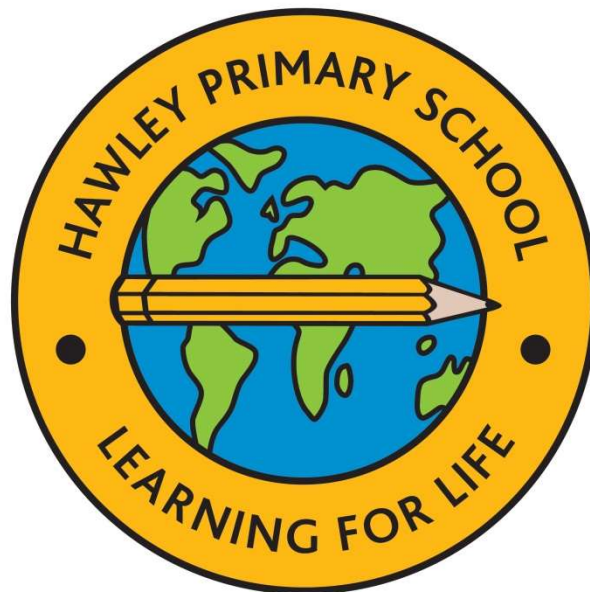


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AGREED BY GOVERNORS:

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Introduction

It is a legal requirement for all children in Hampshire County Council schools that they attend a daily act of collective worship. This act is to be broadly Christian in character, but must be non-denominational. It should also reflect the other major religious traditions in Britain.

Aim

Our aim in providing a daily act of Collective Worship at Hawley Primary School is to enhance our ethos, give a spiritual, moral, social and cultural dimension to our school and classroom activities and encourage the children to develop a response to religious experiences.

Our School will be a place:

- For learning where high standards are pursued with consistency and enthusiasm
- Where individuals are valued and helped to achieve their personal best.
- Where effective partnerships secure the success of the school.

Pupils and staff have the opportunity to come together daily to worship; and celebrate achievements. Parents and members of the wider school community are frequently welcomed on these occasions.

Our Vision:

Happy & Healthy

Aiming High

Working Together

Learning to Grow

Encouraging Empathy

Yes You Can!

Our vision is incorporated in to our daily acts of Collective Worship.

Objectives

Collective Worship should give our children the opportunity to:

- Celebrate being a part of our school community.
- Develop an awareness and understanding of the spiritual dimension of life.
- Develop a moral and caring attitude and code of conduct.
- Celebrate work and achievement of themselves and others within the school community.
- Gain knowledge and understanding of aspects of both Christian beliefs and practices, as well as that of other major world religions.

Elements of the following will be included in Collective Worship to provide a time to:

- Become reflective, deep thinking individuals in a busy and complex society;
- Reaffirm, interpret and put into practice the values of the school.
- Develop a sense of unity, sharing and belonging.
- Deepen their understanding of their culture and recognise that cultural diversity is enriching rather than threatening.

The majority of acts of Collective Worship will be based on the broad teachings, values and traditions of Christianity.

Content

Collective Worship:

- Must be daily for all registered pupils.
- It can be any time of day.
- It can be in whatever grouping the school wishes.
- The majority of acts of collective worship each term should be wholly or mainly of Christian character. They should reflect the broad traditions of Christian belief and should be non-denominational.
- Regard must be taken of the pupils' ages, aptitudes and family backgrounds.

Arrangements

Collective worship groupings will include the whole school, Key Stages and classes. All children at our school will attend the daily act of collective worship. (Except children who have been legally withdrawn by their parents). The assemblies will be led by members of staff, speakers from outside school and the children themselves. This flexibility is important. It makes sure we can create the right atmosphere in a suitable environment for the pupils in our school.

Themes

Staff will be asked to base their assemblies around monthly and weekly themes, often incorporating a story. These will be reviewed and adapted to include important national events e.g. Olympic Games, World Cup Football, Royal and Historical events, as well as significant celebrations within other faiths. This will also make links to the characteristics of learning, making links between subjects and whole school collective worship time.

Monthly Values

January – Joy

February – Friendship & Fun

March – Mindfulness

April – Ambitious

May – Motivation

June – Journey

July – Join Together

August – Achievement

September – Smart

October – Open minded

November – Neighbourly

December – Determination

Organisation

At Hawley Primary School a daily act of worship is held for all children Year R to Year 6. In order to involve children and staff the timetable is as follows:

Monday - Whole School Assembly- Introducing theme for the week and learning the 'Makaton sign of the week'.

Tuesday- Class assembly- Continuing to explore the theme in different contexts or French assembly (weekly rotation).

Wednesday- Whole School Assembly – Singing or Sports.

Thursday- Class assembly- Continuing to explore the theme in different contexts or other key events relevant to the children at that current time.

Friday- 'Golden Assembly' linked to the theme of the assemblies and celebrating achievements of our school community.

Two separate assemblies are held:

Monday	KS2- 2:30pm	KS1- 2:45pm
Tuesday	In class at any time during the day.	
Wednesday	KS2- 8.30pm	KS1- 2:15pm

Thursday	In class at any time during the day.	
Friday	KS2- 2.30pm	KS1- 2:45pm

Right of Withdrawal

We uphold the right of Parents/Carers to withdraw their child from Collective Worship. It is the duty of the Headteacher and the governing body to see these arrangements are carried out and alternative arrangements provided. Children withdrawn from Collective Worship read in the School Library until Assembly has finished. Teachers have the right to withdraw from collective worship.