

## Children's Collective Worship Committee interviews

### **What made you decide to become part of CCWC?**

I wanted to move school forward; we needed even more Bible stories, this week we are looking at Parables and the messages in them. I wanted to improve the opportunities during the day for reflection – we now have an area outside for reflection and areas in all the classrooms to help us think. It helps me meet people and get to know everyone.

I started in Year 5 and wanted to do a job to help our school, this one was for me.

### **What is the role of CCWC?**

CCWC help make school an even better place. We are learning more about Bible stories all the time; like how God healed Naaman of his leprosy, Naaman offered Elisha a gift of thanks. Elisha would not take the gifts, but his servant Gehazi did and God does not like dishonesty so gave Gehazi leprosy. We learn that telling the truth is important. We plan and lead Collective Worship every week and we like to do it in a fun way so that we all remember the message. We take turns to lead, light the candle, set up the technology and pebbles for prayers. We choose the music to play as we come into Collective Worship. It's about learning to take responsibility and helping others.

### **What makes our school distinctively Christian?**

Our Collective Worships are religious. We have a Bible story and we think about the Christian values of that story. We try and show these values every day at our school. We pray in the morning, at lunchtime and at the end of the day as well as in Collective Worship. We have our own Pebble Prayers and we put a pebble into our pot if we are thinking of someone who needs our help. We have a big wooden cross in our entrance hall with our school motto 'Inspire, Believe, Respect, Achieve – Together We Shine.' Every half term children are awarded certificates for inspiring, believing, respecting and achieving. We have a smaller tactile cross on our table for children to hold and think. Our School prayer and the Lord's Prayer are visible in the school hall for everyone to read and see. We also have a handshape for the Christian values that we think are extra special to our school – Love, Trust, Thankfulness, Peace, Responsibility and Friendship. We also have a table in our entrance hall that has a special cloth on it for the seasons of the church. It can be green, purple, white, gold or red. Reverend Freddie Fisher sits with his cat Puddles on the table! We have Bibles in all our classrooms to read; we have a special book of prayers written by us too.

### **How do Bible stories and other stories from Collective Worship have an impact on school life at Burton Leonard?**

We respect each other. When we think about people who don't have the same as us, we are grateful for what we have. It makes us think. We give food to homeless people in Harrogate living on the streets and the Women's Refuge in Harrogate. It makes us think about supporting others through charities like the Air Ambulance, Water Aid and our Jenny Unwin Charity. We are lucky to have plenty. The Bible helps us to be aware of people and how to help each other through kindness and forgiveness; if you fall out with your friends which we all do sometimes the ideas of the Bible help – "do unto others as you would have done unto you." Matilda

### **What have you learnt through delivering Collective Worship?**

You learn more about the Bible because we have to do our research and make powerpoints. If you want to be on CCWC you have to be well organised and prepared. The other children respect what we are doing. I've learnt to be more responsible and think about people's feelings. I'm more confident now.

### **What does the Bible teach us?**

The Bible teaches us lots! It teaches us about God and His creations. It teaches us that God forgives us if we repent. If bad things happen to us God still cares for us. It makes us think more about things. We think about the Holy Trinity – God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It teaches us about honesty which we link to Bible passages and if we are not honest there may be consequences. It teaches us to respect others, we respect the beliefs of others. It teaches us how to be kind to others and be like Jesus, be fair and helpful and generous: "He so loved the World that he gave his only begotten Son." Grace

### **What does multicultural mean? What is your understanding of Christianity as a multicultural world faith?**

People are all different but also the same. It is not just British people who are Christians. There are Christians all around the world. It doesn't matter what religion you are we are all human beings and we should all care for each other and respect each other's views on life. We should respect all faiths; Buddhism, Judaism, Sikhism, Hindus, Muslims and lots more! There are people all around the world with different religions.

**Are you proud of your school? What are the best things about it? What could we do to make it even better?**

Yes! I am proud to be in this school. I would not want to be anywhere else – we respect each other. We are good at being a Christian school – we are always trying to think about everyone and be inclusive. We have good education, good teachers, an amazing Head. We are a very active school. We are good at sport. We get to do loads of extras like sports competitions, dance, drama productions and we get the chance to play lots of different instruments. We have lots of clubs and we celebrate lots of special events like Pancake Day and Wheelie Day!

To make it better we could have more clubs for Class 1 – they can just go to After School club. We could include other people more in Collective Worship. We could do even more sport! We'd like more books to read and a new Class 3 building!