



# Collective Worship

w/c 10th February

## Let's celebrate... generosity

This week in collective worship we have focused on the different ways that we can be generous.

## Thought for the week

Sometimes it feels difficult to be generous but generosity can become a habit which gives back. If we give to others, we will feel the reward of that giving and it can help us to find who we are. We must remember that it is the manner of giving that is important: give generously and not with a heavy heart. Giving our time can be the best way to be generous - it costs nothing but can make a huge difference to those in need. Let's celebrate the gift of generosity this week!

Be easy on people; you'll find life a lot easier. Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity. Luke 6:38



"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others"



## This week in collective worship

Mr Spatchett visited this week and spoke to us about the generosity shown by the boy who gave Jesus his lunch. We heard about the way Jesus used his lunch to feed a huge number of people, demonstrating how far our generosity can spread if we are willing to use it. We reflected on the story of Ruth and Naomi and how Ruth giving her time to Naomi ultimately led to Jesus.

Mr Ayling asked us what we would do with £1 million and told us the story of Bob who won £3.5 million and gave it all away to his family, friends and charities. He was willing to use his gift of generosity and spread the benefits wide. We heard about Zaccheus - a tax collector who often took more from others than he should have. Famous for climbing a tree to see Jesus, Jesus told him that he was going to have dinner at Zaccheus' house. Through talking to Jesus, Zaccheus saw the error of his ways and paid back the people he had exploited four times the amount he had taken from them. He is a great example for reminding us that people can change. The cow and pig analogy reminded us not to be like the pig who waits to die before it is generous, but to be like the cow who gives while alive; we should not wait to be generous.

In class collective worship we have focused on the acts of kindness that we can do using the gift of generosity. We made pledges for acts of kindness that we will endeavour to carry out on Random Acts of Kindness Day on Monday. We also heard about St Valentine and the risks he took to show generosity to others.

Mr Johnston led the most incredible Praise collective worship where everyone sang their hearts out! One pupil reported feeling like their heart was beat-boxing! There was also some very impressive dancing. An incredibly spiritual moment showing our school is truly flourishing!

### Pupil voice

'I found collective worship really uplifting this week. People were really going for it with the singing and dancing and weren't afraid to be themselves.'

Heavenly Father,

## Prayer for the week

Thank you for the gift of generosity. We are sorry that sometimes we let our greed get in the way of really looking out for others and being generous towards them. Please help us to keep looking outwards at the world around us and keep thinking: how can I be generous in my kindness toward others?

Amen



Each person uniquely made in God's image merits the best that we can give.