



# Collective Worship

17th October

**Let's reflect and show respect...and build a respectful community**

**This week in collective worship we have been reflecting on the importance of not compromising who we are to fit in.**

## Thought for the week

What would like to world look like if we did only love and respect each other? What would a world with no greed look like? It may well be difficult for us to change the world, but if we start with ourselves perhaps we will be able to positively impact on others. If how we treat people tells all, how do you want others to think of you? Who you are and how you make others feel is more important than what you have. You never know what other people are going through but with kindness and compassion, you can have a positive impact on them. Let's build a culture where we build each other up, encourage each other and pass the kindness on so that we can all be our best selves.

**Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.**

**Romans 12: 10**

'To achieve and enjoy, we need to appreciate everyone's differences and respect who everybody is as well as standing up to injustice.'

**Pupil voice**

## This week in collective worship

This week we have been thinking about how we can build a respectful culture and what that looks like. We have considered how perhaps we can be more humble and think of ourselves less. We have reflected on the beatitudes that Jesus taught and how the messages He gave can help us to treat others with dignity and respect. We heard about the story of the man who built his house on the sand and how his house could not withstand the storm when it came; we heard about the man who built his house on the rock - the firm foundations - whose house stood firm. Jesus was reminding us that if we do the things that He taught and behave like He did, we can be the best version of ourselves and truly live well together. This can be harder work than just thinking of ourselves, but it helps to build a respectful culture where everyone is able to flourish.

We welcomed a visitor from The House of Opportunity to help us launch our Shoebox Appeal. We heard about the difficult situations that some children around the world live in and how we can use a small act of kindness to help make a real difference to them this Christmas. We have been challenged to consider perhaps what we could go without in order to contribute towards a gift for someone else.

Praise was yet again a joyful event and Year 8 were leading the way with some enthusiastic singing.

We sent off our Harvest donations and the Food Band were thrilled with our collection and very appreciative of the generosity of our school community.

## Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Help us to build a culture whereby everyone feels respected, valued and celebrated for their uniqueness. Help us to be courageous to call each other out when we see unkindness or discrimination so that everyone is proud to be themselves and can truly flourish.

Amen

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

