



Collective Worship



5th December

Doors of opportunity...let's take the opportunity to spread hope

This week in collective worship we have been reflecting on how we can spread hope.

Thought for the week

Is peace a state of the universe that we as human beings have disrupted? Or is peace a fragile condition that we must work hard to maintain? Whichever you believe peace to be, the peace that exists in our lives may be difficult for us to maintain, or not so difficult to maintain. Perhaps we have a choice in how peaceful our lives are? Does there need to be a balance between us striving for peace but also standing up to injustice? As we think about our journey through Advent and the peace that Mary and Joseph felt that carried them through a difficult time, we can choose to turn to Jesus to help us find our own inner peace in our lives and walk through the doors of opportunities for peace.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid

John 14: 27



'The Carol Service is a pretty cool experience seeing everything come together and playing with the Year 5s singing. It was also my last one so it was pretty tough!'

Pupil voice

This week in collective worship

In class collective worship this week we considered whether peace is a noun or a verb - whether it is a 'thing' or an action. We reflected on the fact that even during times of war, soldiers were able to find peace and come together; we specifically thought about the WW1 Christmas Day Truce. We thought about the metaphors of the storms in our lives and how Jesus can bring peace and order when we turn to Him and step out in faith.

At this time of Advent, we think about the peace that Mary and Joseph had in their hearts as they travelled to Bethlehem and knowing what lay ahead for their special child.

We welcomed Jeremy and Zack from St John's Church and they spoke to us about what peace means and how Jesus said: 'Blessed are the peacemakers'. We considered why we might want peace and the different places that we may wish to see peace. We were reminded that despite the conflict that exists, God still loves the world and sent His Son to conquer sin by dying on the cross. Love gives us peace; if we love each other, we will find peace in our hearts.

Our Carol Service in Wimborne Minster was an incredible highlight, where members of our school community came together to celebrate light and reflected on the idea of Jesus being the light and the lantern to light our lives. The light that we can use to spread hope and joy and feel peace in our hearts, flooding the darkness of conflict so it ceases. This occasion always reminds us what an incredibly talented school we are; it was clear to see the light of Christ shining through. We are all warriors of light if we choose to be, will you walk through the door of opportunity to carry the light for all to see?

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Help us to actively seek peace. Help us to calm those storms in our lives that can stir up problems for us and the people around us. Help us to be at peace with who we are and to work together peacefully so that we can build a peaceful community that lives well together.

Amen

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

