



Love your neighbour as yourself.
Matthew 12:31



Chair of Governors Newsletter – Spring Term 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and managed to have some precious time with your families!

It is with a very heavy heart that I have to tell you all that Mr Spratley, a dedicated Foundation Governor, died on the 23rd December. We received the very sad news on Christmas Eve and I know it made me appreciate my loved ones a little bit more over the Holy Season. Robert joined the Governing Body in 2015 and his experience and expertise as a retired Teacher was invaluable. He was very committed to our school and joined Year 5/6 every Tuesday to support the children with their Maths. As Science Governor, he worked alongside Mrs Hankins and thoroughly enjoyed coming in to school on those designated days and watching the children in all classrooms, experiencing the joy and wonder of experiments and challenges. As a devout Christian and member of the Methodist Church, Robert was very excited about our new Ethos Committee and loved being involved in the project I mentioned in my last newsletter, our interpretation and understanding of 'The Lord's Prayer'.

For the project, the Ethos Committee were supported by Sandy Ettridge, former Head of Brigstock School and now a Diocesan Schools Consultant, and our vicar, Revd Heather Lowe. Heather was delighted to welcome the children back to Church and planned a range of prayer stations for each class. At each prayer station the children considered a line of 'The Lord's Prayer' by taking part in activities, to ensure that they would then understand the meaning behind the words rather than just recite them. A particular favourite with the children was eating the bread for 'Give us today our daily bread' but also enjoyed shredding the paper, they had written what they felt they had done wrong on, for 'Forgive us our sins'.

Back in school, each class was then given a line of The Lord's Prayer to consider in greater depth. The Ethos Committee had worked together to plan visual and creative activities for each year group and the children had the opportunity to build on the work in the church and consider their own section of the prayer. All year groups then explained the meaning and relevance of their section and shared their amazing artwork in Collective Worship at the end of the day. I think you will all agree that our display, depicting our children's interpretation and understanding of The Lord's Prayer, is stunning and we look forward to welcoming you back in to Celebration Assemblies and giving you the opportunity to appreciate the focal point of our Collective Worship.



I wish you all a Very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2022!

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