



Lealholm Primary School ***Policy for Collective Worship***

Collective Worship at Lealholm takes place daily in accordance with current legislative requirements. At Lealholm we feel it is important to have a time set aside when the whole school comes together. This provides the opportunity to develop the community spirit, a common ethos and shared values within our school.

Parents have a right to withdraw their children from collective worship if they wish.

Aims for Collective Worship

- To be broadly Christian in character
- To be inclusive and involve the children in an active way
- To develop children's spiritual awareness by experiencing awe, wonder and reverence
- To celebrate important events, special occasions and achievements within the school and wider community
- To celebrate diversity and difference
- To provide equal opportunities for all children

The school has included a range of types of worship:-

- Staff led;
- Assemblies led by visitors;
- Pupil involvement;
- Times of celebration;
- Opportunities for reflection and quiet;
- Storytelling;
- The creative and expressive arts;
- The sharing of knowledge, information and achievement;
- Exploration of biblical text and the use of symbolism.

Themes

The assembly themes are drawn up for the term. They include seasonal events such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter and annual events such as sports day. The broad pattern of themes is built around the long term planning for R.E. The themes can run for one or two weeks and occasionally the theme

may be changes or adapted to allow to a particular event or set of circumstances.

All teaching staff contributes to the planning and delivery of assemblies.

The themes are linked with the curriculum and presented in a variety of ways and through a variety of media. They are meaningful and of value. They recognise the stage of readiness for worship of each child. They are educationally acceptable in content and suitable for the children present.

The approach of the school is educational and, where appropriate, curricular, linked with themes that are being studied in school. The school addresses some multi-faith issues through our assemblies,.

Children enter and leave the place of collective worship to appropriate music. They are expected to sit quietly and be attentive. The school always has a hymn and a prayer.

Assembly Pattern.

All assemblies take place in the junior classroom from 10.15-10.30

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday- Hymn Practise

Thursday- SEAL theme introduction

Friday- celebration