

Ethos Group Worship: Love Learning. Love God. Love One Another.

February, 2022

Real Candle

Dark Hall with candle and heart shaped fairy lights on the alter.

Music playing: Stormzy, Blinded by your grace part 2

Welcome

The candle is lit. God is here. Please join us as we chant candle time. (When candle is lit then the lights go on.)

Engage

We are Ethos Group and today we are here to talk about Love. It's a great time to do it. Valentine's Day is around the corner. Shops are full of hearts and flowers, cards and cuddly toys. But the love we want to talk about is bigger, stronger and more powerful than anything you can buy.

Mrs Bitsakaki has chosen a new motto for our school all about love. Our school motto tells us to Love learning, Love God and to love one another. And here, at St. Chad's we do just that.

We love learning. (Hold up love learning card).

In Year 3 we have loved learning about ... forces in Science. We carried out a Friction investigation using toy cars. We learnt that bumpy surfaces create more friction and smooth surfaces create less friction. We also loved using the cars!

In Year 4 we have loved learning how to play a new instrument in our samba lessons. We have learnt funny rhythms like tea, tea, tea, coffee! It's great fun!

In Year 5 we have loved learning about William Morris in our art lessons. We have been studying his work closely and making sketches of the details in our books. We have then created our own motifs which we will then turn into fabric panels. We can't wait to see the final product!

In Year 6 we have loved learning about entertainment and leisure in the twentieth century. We have listened to the music of Benny Goodman which is now a firm favourite!

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We love God. (Hold up love God card). **At St. Chad's we show our love for God through prayer and praise. Join us as we sing Jesus' love is very wonderful.**

HYMN: Jesus' Love is very wonderful

Power point of song words on the screen. Ethos Committee at the front demonstrating the actions.

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We love one another. (Hold up love one another card). **Jesus loved people. He loved thieves, tax collectors, diseased people, poor people, children and His followers. He loved people who were devoted to Him and those who were different from Him. He even loved difficult and dangerous people. And His love is the same today as it was 2,000 years ago. Because we are loved by Him, we are called to love like Him. Jesus said, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."**

It's easy to love our friends. But sometimes it's hard to love someone we don't like or get on with.

In the book of Matthew, Jesus tells us to Love All People...

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour[b] and hate your enemies.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you.[c] 45 If you do this, then you will be true sons of your Father in heaven. Your Father causes the sun to rise on good people and on bad people. Your Father sends rain to those who do good and to those who do wrong. 46 If you love only the people who love you, then you will get no reward. Even the tax collectors do that. 47 And if you are nice only to your friends, then you are no better than other people. Even people without God are nice to their friends. 48 So you must be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Respond

Jesus tells us to love all people and at St. Chad's we do our very best to follow Jesus' teachings, even when it is difficult. We can ask for His help through prayer.

**Dear Jesus,
We thank you for the people we love,
The people who love us
And especially for the people we find hard to love.
Open our hearts to love you,
One another and ourselves.
In your name we pray,
Amen.**

Send

**So who can remember our new school motto? Take responses from the children.
That's right: Love Learning. Love God. Love One Another.**

To help you remember we are organising a school colouring competition. You can either colour one of the examples or create your own. The best entries will be displayed around school and win a prize. Please return your entries to school after half term. Good luck!

As you leave the hall today please listen to the song we have chosen for you; One Love by Bob Marley. The lyrics remind you that in our school we are part of something bigger than ourselves. We are, "One love, one heart. Let's get together and feel all right". Thank you.

Ethos committee stand in a row and do one big clap. The lights go out and the music goes on.

