



Ethos Information 2021-2022

It has been a delight to welcome our pupils back together to learn, to worship and to celebrate.

Through Monday Worship, pupils and staff have focussed on the different aspects of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ by thinking about: The words of Jesus, Advent and Christmas, People Jesus Meets, Holy Week and Easter, The Parables of Jesus and the Miracles of Jesus. Further opportunities to strengthen and embed the learning about the person and ministry of Jesus are available across the school week through additional links in class and whole school worship. Regular opportunities are made available and encouraged for children to respond to acts of worship through our collective worship reflection board and using reflection spaces in class.

Pupils have continued to engage positively with the dynamic style of delivery from the Chaplain at Blue Coat and this often progresses beyond the act of worship into class discussions. The CET worship calendar leading into the next academic year includes termly themes based on the outcomes of meetings between Mr Ford and Mrs Lord to ensure the 'Roots and Fruits' scheme, used for collective worship at St George's smoothly links with termly themes. We have valued the increased collaboration with Mr Ford this academic year as we head towards a likely SIAMS inspection in the approaching academic year.

As a school we have continued our commitment to supporting our pupils academically and emotionally. We have faced challenges in pastoral support due to decreased staffing numbers but have worked through a 'needs led' basis of frequent short bursts of emotional support for those pupils most in need. Academically, we have seen excellent success through our KS2 SATS results this year, proving testament to the hard work of pupils and staff at the school. To support academic achievement, working towards closing the gap in attainment towards ARE, we have utilised 'Catch-Up Funding' through the use of supply staff releasing the class teacher to carry out specific and targeted intervention with pupils.

Pupils have engaged in a variety of activities this year as educational visits and visitors have been permitted following the lifting of Covid protocols.

School swimming resumed and 100% of the year 5 pupils attending school swimming sessions could perform a safe self-rescue in different water-based situations and 94% could swim 10-25 metres on their front and back.

Learning has been supported and enhanced through visits to Castleshaw outdoor learning centre, Toad Hall, Manchester Airport, St. James' Church, Crompton Moor and Crompton War Memorial. Oldham Athletic community Trust have worked across school to develop the fundamental movement skills of all pupils.

Some pupils from years 5 and 6 enjoyed an exciting and thrilling residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall where they tested their cooperation and teamwork skills as well as their resilience and perseverance alongside the school staff accompanying them.

Young Voices was a truly wonderful event where our school choir joined thousands of other pupils to raise their voices in unison, enabling them to experience performing to a live audience. The joy on our pupils faces was clear to see!

Extra-curricular activities have also proved popular. Children have attended booster clubs, cookery club, choir, football club, tennis club and dance club.

Children are actively encouraged to share their interests and achievements outside of school in our weekly Celebration assembly. It is always heartening to see how our young people engage actively in the local community and represent themselves, their families and our school through sport, the arts and their charitable acts. Several of our children were celebrated in the local press for a child-led 'litter picking' event around their homes.

Our celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was a whole school event. Each class researched and celebrated a decade of the Queen's reign – which coincidentally was the theme chosen for the televised platinum Jubilee parade. This culminated in a final whole school display in our entrance, celebrating the Queen's reign. All pupils received a commemorative book to celebrate this wonderful event.

With 'God in our hearts', our pupils have shown Christ's compassion and generosity by supporting several local charities and the school itself. Examples of charities supported by school are The Dogs Trust, MacMillan Cancer Research, Shaw food bank, Comic Relief and Children in Need. A nearly new uniform sale has also been held to support families ahead of the new academic year.

In order to build on the success of the carnival day held at the end of the last academic year, the school council suggested and organised a sponsored marathon event for the whole school. As a school we ran a distance equivalent to 4.77 marathons together. The money raised supported a whole school creative day 'A Day Celebrating the Arts'. Pupils were inspired through dance, music, art and drama, offering them experiences they may not have had previously. We were very grateful of the support we received from Blue Coat and St Anne's High Schools as part of this day.

School continues to communicate effectively with parents through the school website, regular informative emails and an increasingly active social media presence. An E-Safety survey completed by parents highlighted a desire for information to be shared via these channels.