

Questionnaire Feedback – Part 5

Thank you again to all the parents who completed the parent questionnaire. Please find following part 5 of our feedback. Further sections will follow in the coming newsletters from now until February half term.

Religious Ethos

A couple of people asked about what we cover on non-Christian faiths.

Our Religious Education curriculum follows the 'Statement of Entitlement' set by the Church of England Education Office. 'At the heart of RE in church schools is the teaching of Christianity, rooted in the person and work of Jesus Christ. There is a clear expectation that as inclusive communities, church schools encourage learning about other religions and world views fostering respect for them.'

As a Church of England school, two thirds of our RE curriculum covers Christianity. Other world faiths are covered across the rest of the RE curriculum. When teaching Christianity, links to other world faiths are made such as comparing religious festivals. The children will also visit different places of worship as part of the teaching of other faiths, such as the recent Year 6 trip to a Buddhist Temple.

Some examples of other faiths taught this academic year include:

- Judaism and the celebration of Sukkot
- symbols in Hinduism and the celebration of Diwali
- knowledge of the 5Ks in Sikhism
- the 5 pillars of Islam

Biblical Verse

As a Church of England school, we are inspected under a system called the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). This year a new evaluation schedule has been devised which has a new emphasis on the Christian vision of the school. All schools are required to have a 'Christian vision' that 'enables pupils and adults to flourish'. The Christian Vision must be biblically rooted.

Thank you so much to all our parents who have given wonderful ideas for a phrase, word or biblical verse do you feel reflects our school. Common themes were suggested, such as 'love, family, community and the inclusive nature of the school'. We are now working with staff and governors to review the suggestions made and find a suitable bible reference that captures the essence of our school. We will be feeding this back to the school community once this is completed.

If you would like to find out more about the SIAMS inspection schedule, please visit the school website.