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To the pupils and parents of Chesterton Primary School,

Christian Values Competition

As you may be aware, we reviewed our whole school values in autumn 2016, with the aim of adding a sixth value to our existing five. There was a huge response to the competition to suggest Christian values that reflected our ethos at Chesterton, with entries from children across the school. The pupils had clearly given their entries a lot of time and thought and their explanations were very well-explained and persuasive. As Christian values play a fundamentally important role in the life of a Church Of England school, we were keen to make an informed decision. Therefore, we involved advisers from the Diocese, governors, staff and our Collective Worship Pupil Council to decide the best way forward. The end result was our current six values (**Respect, Compassion, Resilience, Generosity, Integrity & Humility**) which have hopefully been a visible part of life at school over the last two years.

Our values cannot just be words on the website or on a display; they have to be intrinsic to the life of Chesterton School, reflect the community that we serve and the character of the pupils in our care. Therefore, amongst other things, the values have been discussed in Collective Worship, explored during Prayer Space week, recognised through certificates and other rewards, included on displays around the school and, most importantly, embodied through our words and deeds.

What next?

To ensure that our Christian values remain at the forefront of all our minds, we are asking for the pupils' help again to make some suggestions that will help improve our Collective Worships and make strong links to our 'Value of the Term'. Therefore the Collective Worship Pupil Council would like suggestions in three different categories: Songs for Worship, Bible Stories and Famous People. Please see below for more details from the Worship Council. We began discussing these with the children in Collective Worship last week and they had some fantastic suggestions.

You can enter in one category or all of them. If you can think of multiple entries for one category (eg. 3 Bible stories) then please write them all down. Younger children may want an adult to help them with the writing. Every entry received will earn a house point, with bonus points available for entries that are chosen.

Kind Regards, Mr Horner

Songs For Worship

The Worship Council would like you and your family to help find some appropriate songs for our school worship time. These could be modern or classic pop songs, classical pieces, traditional hymns, modern worship songs. For example, you could select Respect by Aretha Franklin or One More Step Along The World I Go (Resilience). You might want to talk to family members about their favourite songs, listen to your own music collection, visit the Worship Workshop website or just jot down a good song when you hear it on the radio or in a film. We would like songs which link to one or more of our 6 values. Please write the song's name, its artist and the value that it links to on the attached entry form, along with your explanation.

People Who Have Shown Our Values

Worship Council are also looking for famous and widely known people, past or present, who have shown any of our values. Eg. Mo Farah (Resilience), Elizabeth Fry (Compassion & Respect) or Prince William (Humility). In worship, we will look into these people in greater depth and see what they did or are still doing. Please could you write their name, value/s and reasons down on the attached form. We are extremely grateful for helping us with this. Thank you!

Bible Stories

In Collective Worship, we often read a Bible story. We would like you and your family to find biblical stories that relate to our six values. Eg. Luke 4:1-13. This Bible story is about how Jesus was tempted by the devil but followed and kept the word of God, so could link to 'Integrity'. Please could you write the name of the Bible story, including the book of the Bible if you know it, on the attached form and add a sentence or short paragraph about why it teaches that value. Thank You!

We would like all of your suggestions to be in by Thursday 17th October. When you have finished, please return to your class Worship representative.
Maple - Lilly S and Sam; Beech - Sophie and Jacob W; Ash - Finlay and Clemmie; Apple - Benji and Anabelle; Oak - Finn, Phoebe, Lewis and Carissa.

Otherwise, they might not be seen and added to the list. Thank You!

What Is Changing about Collective Worship?

Not a lot. Worship will still run the same but there will be a few subtle changes. These small changes are: New songs, new people to learn about (people who have shown our values) and a few more Bible stories. The seating arrangements and other things will not change. If you have anything you would like to see in our Worships, please inform the Worship Council, Mr Horner or Ms Bailey.

SIAMS

SIAMS stands for Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools. Chesterton's SIAMS inspection, which takes place every five years, is due before Christmas. The inspectors are going to look at many aspects of what makes Chesterton an effective Church school and looking at Collective Worship will be an important part of the visit.

Thank you for helping us.

Phoebe Hutt & Finn Gauld (on behalf of the Collective Worship Pupil Council)

Pupil's Name: Class:

Famous Person Suggested:

What are they famous for?

Value/s that they show (circle all that apply):

RESPECT / COMPASSION / RESILIENCE /

GENEROSITY / INTEGRITY / HUMILITY

I have chosen this person because.....

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Generosity Integrity Humility Compassion Respect Resilience

Pupil's Name: Class:

Song Suggested:

Type of song (eg. Hymn / Modern pop song / classic pop song)
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Value/s that the song is about (circle all that apply):

- RESPECT / COMPASSION / RESILIENCE /**
- GENEROSITY / INTEGRITY / HUMILITY**

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Pupil's Name: Class:

Bible Story Suggested:

Book Of The Bible:

Value/s that the story is about (circle all that apply):

- RESPECT / COMPASSION / RESILIENCE /**
- GENEROSITY / INTEGRITY / HUMILITY**

I have chosen this Bible story because.....

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