



Pupil responses to Christian Distinctiveness – October 2020

These are the responses from a random selection of children across Y2, Y4 and Y6 who met with the Headteacher to discuss the Christian Distinctiveness of Winwick CE.

<p>What do you think makes our school a Christian School?</p>	<p>Our links with St Oswald's. We have our Ethos group. We have places around school where we can go and reflect. We have our three core values of Love, Respect and Perseverance. We have lots of RE lessons and worships.</p>
<p>Can you tell me about our School Vision and what it means?</p>	<p>'In God's Love, aspire and achieve to be your best.' It means that we should be the best we can be and achieve our goals. Not compare ourselves to others. That God will always love us and will always be there in the happy times and also in the difficult times. He will help us be our best.</p>
<p>What are our Core Values and do you think they help children and staff act in a Christian way?</p>	<p>Love: we all look after each other and help each other. Staff also look after each other, they help each other. The staff say that they have a strong bond and they look out for each other and they help each other with their teaching too. We know that staff love us, they clean up after us especially at the moment with Covid. They help us with our work, they will treat everyone the same. They aren't stereotypical. They look after us with all the extra covid things like the crosses on the ground and all the cleaning of work spaces.</p> <p>Respect: we respect each other and we respect the teachers as they help us to be the best. They push us so we don't always do the easy option. Everyone respects each other's beliefs and we accept other people's opinions and thoughts. We don't talk over each other, we listen to all opinions. We let others join in our games and we never judge anyone. Teachers always treat everyone the same and help everyone out.</p> <p>Perseverance: As children we persevere with our work at home and in school, even if things are difficult. The staff also work hard to try and answer our questions. They work really hard and keep working long after we go home to mark our books to make sure we learn well and have the chance to make our learning better.</p>
<p>Do you think our Vision and Core Values help you think about spiritual things like God and Jesus?</p>	<p>Yes... because God stays with you. Like when we are working hard on a question, he is with us. If we do something wrong, God will forgive us and always be there.</p>
<p>What symbols do we have around school</p>	<p>Lots of crosses, the church outside, bible quotes, worship teams in the corridor, reflection areas in each class, termly value in classrooms and in central area.</p>



that show we are a Christian school?	
What do you like about gathering together for worship?	Feel like God is closer to you. Feel calmer and more relaxed. When singing altogether it feels nice and feels like we are with God and he is with us.
Why do we light the candle at the beginning of worship?	To know that God is the light of the world and that God is here with us in worship.
Can you think of a worship that was about issues which are important to you?	'Love thy Neighbour' it makes us think of helping others like our class mates as well as our actual neighbours. Not judging anyone, in the Bible story they judged the person when actually he helped them in the end.
What do you think about RE lessons? What have you enjoyed the most?	Like doing the Celtic knots and crosses liked the link between art and RE. Helps to go through the worships after the sessions and add our thoughts to the Big Worship Book in class.
How do RE lessons help you learn about our Christian faith and those of other religions?	We have learnt about Judaism and then in another year we might do Islam. We compare it to Christian faith and the similarities they have. We also learnt about their culture. Recently learnt about the Qur'an and fasting.
As a Christian school does the school provide opportunities to do as the Bible tells us that we should eg. help others?	Yes 100%. We get to do stuff like Children in need, Red Nose Day, Jeans for Genes, Harvest Foodbank, mental wellbeing day. This gives us chance to donate and help those in need.
Do RE lessons make you think and if so what do you think about?	God and Jesus, and how we can live out our lives and help us to be a better person and also make our world a better place.
How do you think we could improve on being a Christian school?	I think our school is amazing. Maybe we could have somewhere outside that is a reflection area, like make the Butterfly Garden into a prayer garden or reflective space.