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Dear Parents and Carers,

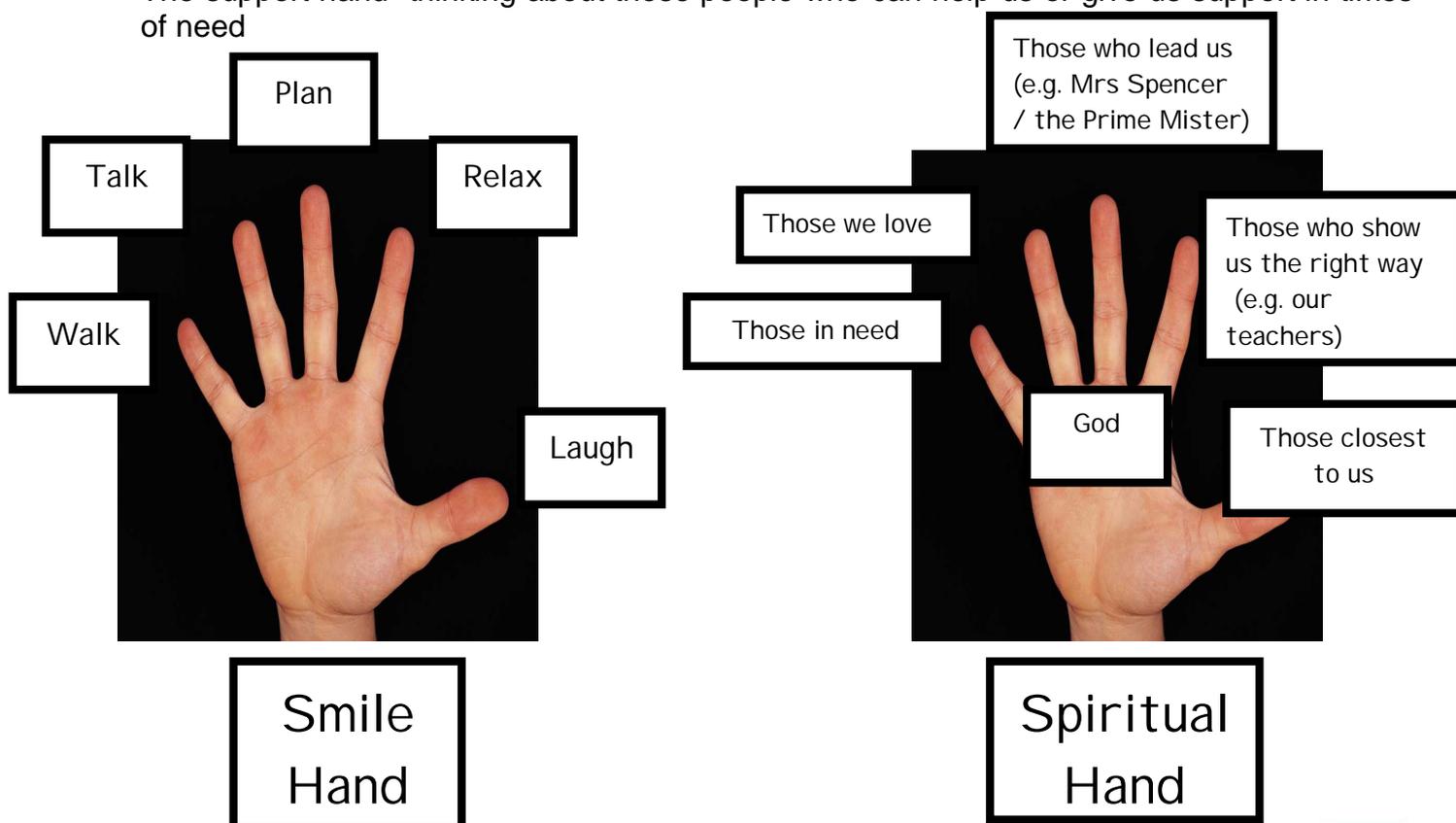
R.E Newsletter No. 9

We regularly send home newsletters about the work going on at school in relation to Collective Worship, Religious Education and Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development.

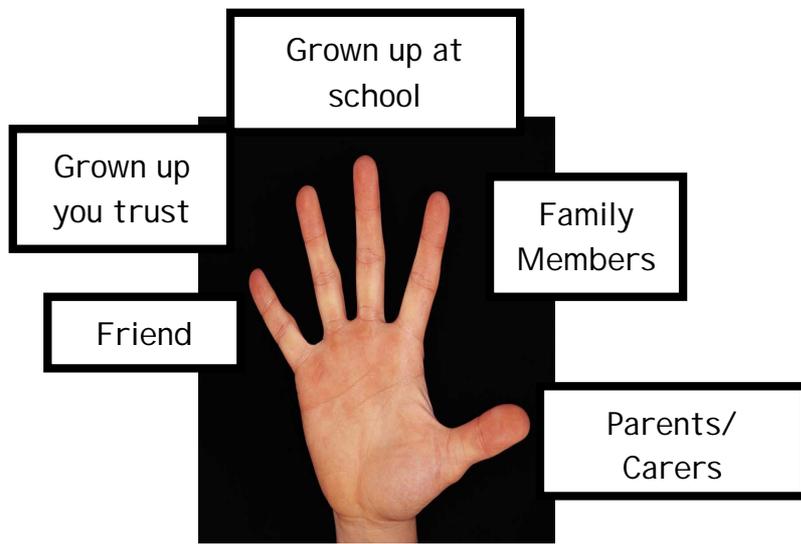
Collective Worship

As part of our Collective Worship in April when we were thinking about 'Understanding' we thought about how we need to understand ourselves before we can understand others. Mrs Collins shared with us:

- The smile hand- things we can do to improve our mental health and well being
- The spiritual hand- people to reflect on
- The support hand- thinking about those people who can help us or give us support in times of need



Support Hand



In May we are learning about Koinonia. Koinonia is a Greek word that occurs 20 times in the Bible. Koinonia's primary meaning is "fellowship, sharing in common, communion." Christian fellowship is a key aspect of the Christian life. Believers in Christ are to come together in love, faith, and encouragement. It is the idea that Christians 'sharpen' each other's faith.



Questions you could ask at home include...

- What is Koinonia?
- What is the importance of Christian fellowship?
- What examples of Koinonia can you think of?
- Is community important to you? Why?



Querk Update

Querk is still busy visiting different children's houses for celebrations. In April Querk has celebrated birthdays with Florrie Hydes and Ava Cunningham, enjoying presents cake and special outings.

Querk learnt all about weddings for the first time when he went home with Jacob Leigh. Jacob explained...

'The wedding vows were overseen by the vicar which was part of the religious ceremony, followed by the signing of the register which is a legal document that has to be completed. Afterwards the church bells rang out celebrating their marriage day. Confetti was thrown - it was edible. To help celebrate we all went to the reception. I played the trumpet to proclaim the arrival of the bride and groom. We heard some speeches; after each we toasted the bride and groom.' Jacob really enjoyed the food, dancing and photos. 'It was my first wedding and it was brilliant!'

Hooked on Worship

On Tuesday 17th May another group of children presented their own act of Collective Worship all about 'Understanding'. Alex Keith, Harrison Breese, Adonay Williams, Daisy Harding, Clara Roberts and Sophie Mitchell wrote and presented their ideas about what happens when people misunderstand, understanding languages, understanding feelings, understanding gestures and understanding stories such as the parables in the Bible. The children thought very carefully about the content of their Collective Worship, worked really well as a team and did a great job.



Other Faith celebrations in May

4th May Vesak, Buddha Day - Buddhist



Vesak celebrates the birth, enlightenment and death of the Buddha. Vesak or Buddha Day is the major festival of the year for Buddhists from the Theravada tradition.

14th May Ascension Day - Christian



Ascension celebrates the day when Jesus Christ is said to have ascended bodily into heaven, in the presence of the apostles. The Ascension is believed to have occurred on the 40th day after Easter, and consequently falls on a Thursday.

15th May Lailat al Miraj - Muslim



Lailat al Miraj is when Muslims commemorate the Prophet Muhammad's night-time journey from Mecca to the 'Farthest Mosque' in Jerusalem. Muslims believe that during this journey the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven, was purified, and instructed by God that Muslims should pray five times daily. These events are described briefly in the Koran. Muslims celebrate by retelling the story to their children and reciting special night-time prayers.

23rd-25th May Shavuot - Jewish



Shavuot, or the Festival of Weeks, is a harvest festival when Jews give thanks for the first fruits of the year. Shavuot also marks the time when Moses received the Torah on Mount Sinai. It's a time to give thanks for the Holy Book and to study its texts.

24th May Pentecost - Christian



At Pentecost Christians celebrate the day when the Holy Spirit is said to have descended on Jesus's Apostles. The Holy Spirit is the third part of the Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit which is how Christians understand God. Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church

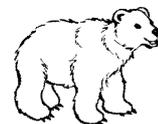
31st May Trinity Sunday - Christian



Trinity Sunday is the Sunday after Pentecost when Christians celebrate the belief in three aspects of the one God-father, son and Holy Spirit.

Behaviour and Awards

The Polar Bears are linked to the behaviour policy and are awarded once a week to the classes who have been seen behaving well, working hard and have been a credit to the school.



The Star Box Award is given to individual children (one per year group) for exemplary behaviour during the week. They may have been kind, polite or helpful. These are nominated by any member of staff. These are generally presented during Collective Worship on a Wednesday.



Well Done Certificates are presented to children for work, behaviour, progress or attitude. Two per class are awarded during our Collective Worship celebration on Friday.



Head Teachers Awards are given for 'excellence'; this can be across any area of the curriculum. Three per class are awarded at the end of each month during the Collective Worship celebration on Friday.



Success shields are to recognise achievements out of school. Children and / or their parents need to share successes with the class teacher and they will nominate the child for a shield. Children often share certificates, medals, cups and trophies. They can be for anything and have ranged from sporting achievements to performing arts recognition to recognition of competition winners. We like to share in all successes! These are presented



on a Wednesday during Collective Worship.

Each class has their own way of recognising good work, behaviour, attitude and progress and these include stamps, stars, stickers and points etc. Please ask your child's teacher if you want to understand more about the system used in each class.



Success Shields

These are given as recognition of an achievement outside of school.
Children who have received a shield for last month are:

Noah Field-Hall Street Dance Star	Jack Miles Street Dance Star	Emily Whitmore Brownie Promise
Georgia Brown 50m Swim	Daisy Harding Gymnastics L4	Christopher Gaffey Street Dance Star/ Football Trophy / Swimming L3
Vale Rawson Street Dance Star	Swaraja Sarma Karate 6 th Kyu / Piano Grade 1	Lara Hastings Swimming 15m / Gymnastics L7 / L5
Jack O'Brien Swimming L3	Mason Greene Swimming L3/ Kickboxing White Belt	Charlotte Dow Swimming L4/ 25m
Sam Tillin Swimming L3	Zak Zaidi Wallace + Grommit Baking	Ben Claridge TRFC Player of the Match
Harrison Greene Kickboxing White Belt	Arran Frost-Bryant Gymnastics Award	Ethan Lawrence Street Dance Star
Theo Ojulah Street Dance Star	Dagmar Caygill Ice Hockey L6	Gabriel Hydes TRFC Player of the Match
Tilly Cornelius Irish Dancing Feis 2 nd , 5 th , 7 th + 10 th	Roxy Schapp-Garratt Swimming L4/100m	Mollie Evans Swimming L5 / 400m Irish Dancer of the Week
Paul Cooper TRFC Player of the Match	Florrie Hydes Swimming L5	Charlie Ward TRFC Player of the Match
Isla Macloed-Irvine Irish Dancer of the Week	Jessica Dudley Gymnastics L4	
Published Poem		
Holly Conway / Liam Williams / Emily Scholes / Georgia Brown / Amy Davis / Sam Dobbs / Tilly Cornelius		
Chelsea Football Festival		
Ollie Scholes / Mason Greene / Harrison Greene / Alfie Baines / Christopher Gaffey / Ben Wilson		

**If you have any further comments or suggestions please speak or write to Mrs Collins.
Thank you**

**Do you have an article or prayer to include in the newsletter?
Send it in to Mrs Collins**

