

Collective Worship Statement Harlowbury Primary School 2019

All schools must provide a daily act of collective worship or reflection. Our daily act of reflection at Harlowbury is usually within our assemblies but may be in class or with smaller groups of children.

Our assemblies provide an opportunity for us to reflect on our school's core values of Commitment, Communication, Creativity, Craftsmanship and Collaboration. The stories and stimuli for discussion shared by staff and visitors are used to underpin the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of our children. Above all else it is the heart of the school community where we come together to celebrate learning, successes and memorable moments together.

The programme of school assemblies has been created to encourage children to:-

- Reflect on their own experience and the experiences of others
- Develop sensitivity to the wonder and mystery of the world and its people
- Reflect on the universal aspects of experience e.g. Loss, grief, value and worth or nature
- Explore values of human concern and their consequences such as courage, justice, compassion, love, forgiveness and responsibility
- Recognise and respect that people hold different beliefs
- Express their value and concern regarding the school and their community

Weekly organisation

Staff and visitors work together to deliver meaningful and valuable opportunities and experiences through our assemblies. Themes based on our core values are used to give our assemblies continuity and structure.

Monday 9.05am	Core Values and Themes	
Tuesday 9.05am	Singing	
Wednesday	Core Values and Themes EYFS & KS 1	Core Values and Themes KS 2
Thursday	Core Values and Themes	
Friday 2.45pm	Celebration Assembly Or Merit Assemblies Or Class Assemblies	

Partnerships with the local community

Visitors are encouraged to come along to our assemblies to speak to the children. Regular links have been set up with our local church St Marys and special services such as Christingle at the start of Advent and Carols are held at the church. We encourage visitors from Charities such as Child Line and NSPCC to talk about keeping safe, members of the Great Open Door Theatre Group to present moral lessons through drama, author visits and musicians.

Parents right to withdraw

We hope that all parents are convinced of the value that our daily acts of reflect and assemblies provide. However parents do have the right to withdraw their children **from the act of worship only**; if this is taking place during an assembly. If a parent wishes to do so, we ask that they first discuss it with the Head Teacher.

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Ratified by Standards Committee 16/10/19

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