



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached the results of the Collective Worship Questionnaire. 25 questionnaires were returned to school. Thank you to the parents and carers who returned these forms. The results were unanimously positive. Below are the results with the sample of responses made.

Parental Questionnaire Results Collective Worship (July 2019)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Prayer is central to the life of the school	56% 14	44% 11			
My child enjoys and participates enthusiastically in collective worship	72% 18	24% 6			4% 1
I feel welcome to attend collective worship	80% 20	20% 5			
I am happy with the quality of collective worship celebrated in school	76% 19	24% 6			
Collective worship has a positive impact on the moral and spiritual development of my child	72% 18	24% 6			4% 1
Collective worship is well led in school	64% 16	36% 9			

What I like about collective worship in St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School

- That I feel welcome to attend Masses
- Feeling of being a part of a family within the Church
- It makes everyone feel involved
- We loved the First Holy Communion preparation classes and Church and the day itself was brilliant. I know the staff and children worked very hard.
- It teaches the children to be kind to each other and the importance of it.
- Teaches the children about Jesus and the importance of coming together to worship.
- It's nice to celebrate the many different occasions throughout the school year, i.e. nativity at Christmas, masses etc... and to be invited to be part of these

What I would Like to see improved about collective worship in St Teresa's Catholic Primary School.

- More involvement from all the children not just some
- Share and teach them how to pray the Rosary
- Have holiday worship camps for the younger kids
- I would like to see Christmas nativities in Church as this was nice when it used to be displayed in St. Teresa's Church

If you don't already know, here at St. Teresa's School we hold 'Statements to Live By' and 'Mission Statement' weekly focus sessions in class where children discuss and pray about a different value or expectation each week. We celebrate class and individual prayer time at the beginning, middle and end of the school day. We share the



weekly Gospel Story in class, having class liturgies around the Gospel theme. In all classes, we celebrate liturgies which our children have helped to prepare and plan at the end of our 'Come and See' RE units of work. Our Key Stage Two children also plan and deliver liturgies to the rest of the key stage two children on themes which they have chosen. Friday, in school, is praise assembly time when we recognise the many gifts and talents that God has given to us. Built into our Collective Worship timetable also are times for the children to participate in traditional prayer.

At St. Teresa's we invite parents to key stage one class assemblies which focus on a 'Come and See' (our RE teaching programme) topic. We also have a programme of key stage two class masses to which all are invited. Other opportunities in which we come together to worship are - beginning and end of term masses, Feast Days and a Year Six Leavers' Mass in the summer term.

We also have weekly themed events. We have led a 'Week of Mary', an 'Unbroken' Mission week and events to celebrate the school's recent 60th anniversary based around our patron – St. Teresa. Here, the children receive yet further prayer experiences, complete arts and crafts based around the theme and participate in further liturgical experiences. The Rosary is prayed together at key points throughout the year – notably October – the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary and in the month of May.

At Christmas we have Nativity plays and Carol singing and during Lent we celebrate Stations of the Cross. We also send home, with our youngest children Travelling Cribs and a home/school prayer book. Our oldest children lead the carols at Christmas, as we cannot physically fit more practice Nativity play time into the upper key stage two curriculum. We hope that you appreciate the demands of the English, maths and foundation subjects' curriculum in these year groups.

As a school, we currently carry out the Sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and also take on the parish responsibilities for these celebrations too.

Here at St. Teresa's, we also have regular hymn practices where we praise and worship through song and children learn liturgical dances which they participate with joy. Our year six children also take part in the Youth Ministry Team Primary Festival at the Emmaus Youth Village, Allensford, Consett.

From time to time, we also enhance our Collective Worship with visits from 'More than Dance' with the children participating in further liturgical dance and prayer experiences. Regarding holiday worship camps, parents and carers are also more than welcome to contact <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island> if they are interested in these activities.

Again, thank you once again for completing the questionnaire on Collective Worship, your comments are very much appreciated by the staff and governors of St. Teresa's.

Thank you.

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