



## Church, School & Community Links 2018 / 2019

As a Church of England School, we pride ourselves in the strong relationship between the School, the wider community and Christ Church Parish Church.

### School's Involvement with Church

- School are active members of Christ Church Parish. We attend 'Education Sunday' in September where members of staff and children are encouraged to contribute to the service. Families are also invited to the Shoebox and Christingle service in November at church.
- Each class and individual families at school fill a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child and take it to the church which is a local collection point.
- Each age phase plan and deliver a service at Christ Church at Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Children read scripture, pray, praise and sing during these and they are well attended by parents and families.
- School annually have an 'own clothes day' for children in receipt of donations of bedding, clothes, towels and coats to support 'Family Pack' project which is based at the church.

### Church's Involvement with School

- ❖ A member of the clergy lead an act of collective worship session weekly for Infants and a separate one for the Juniors. Our school Ethos group will help lead some of these assemblies.
- ❖ The incumbent, Reverend Canon Cousins has an annual meeting with the School Leadership Team to decide on and to establish the cycle of values linked to the Christian Concepts.
- ❖ Reverend Canon Cousins and his clergy meet with the SLT and the RE lead at the school to establish a shared vision.
- ❖ Teachers use the church to enhance teaching and Learning of Religious Education and visits are built in to the curriculum.
- ❖ Clergy support children and staff with particular issues, e.g. reconciliation.
- ❖ School matters are mentioned in the church newsletters and particular issues are raised with the parishioners team for prayer consideration.
- ❖ Reverend Canon Cousins is the Vice Chair of the Governing Body, involved in challenging decisions and supporting the strategic leadership of the school.
- ❖ Church often share resources e.g. tables, equipment for school events such as the Summer and Christmas fair.
- ❖ Church members support school with the running of stalls at events, e.g. the Vintage Tea Room at the Summer Fair.
- ❖ Pastoral support is provided by the incumbent for staff; a weekly prayer session is held every Wednesday for staff to pray with Rev. Canon Cousins over particular matters. Individual pastoral support is also provided if needed, e.g. Incumbent called a teacher who was recently bereaved offering support and prayer.
- ❖ Different members of the church volunteer in school, e.g. through 1:1 reading, on school trips etc.

### Community Links

School support the family Pack Project and vouchers are given to our most deprived families.

School choir sing at Harvest Court, a local residential home to encourage the elderly community.

Charity Fundraising is important to our school. Individual children and staff support charities that are important to them.

Safeguarding officers at school have strong links with various agencies to support our most vulnerable families. These agencies include: Magenta Housing, NACRO, Community Police, YISP, Foodbank, Free Uniforms for Primary Schools (FUPS), CAMHS, School Nurse, Safer families, Christians Against Poverty and many more.