

## Houghton Primary School

### **Assemblies**

Our children have an assembly every day. It is a time to come together with their class, Key Stage group or as a whole school. Our assemblies enable us to build our shared values with the children through stories, drama, role play and song. They provide a collective opportunity for us to share and celebrate our achievements.

Houghton School is not a church school but in every assembly we fulfil our statutory duty to provide daily collective worship (see Collective Worship Policy below).



Children in Key Stage 1 share their special Christmas Assembly with family and the rest of the school.



Each class presents a special 'class assembly' at least once a year, sharing their learning to a wider audience of the school, family and friends.



Our candlelit Christingle assembly held on the last day of the autumn term each year

## School Policy for Collective Worship

### Aims

The aim of the collective worship is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- worship God
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- respond to the worship offered

### Statutory Duty of School

Houghton Primary School complies with the statutory requirement to provide daily collective worship for registered pupils. We recognise that parents have a right to withdraw their children from Religious Education (RE) and collective worship. If a parent asks for their child to be wholly or partly excused from attending any RE or collective worship at the school the school will comply unless the request is withdrawn.

The head teacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship after consulting with the governing body. Daily collective worship at Houghton Primary School is wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature depends on the family background, ages and abilities of the pupils and is reviewed at least annually. Collective Worship at Houghton Primary School is provided within a daily assembly.

### Implementation

Collective Worship, whether within a Whole School, Key Stage or Class Assembly, will:

- be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils
- include a variety of elements at different times
- invite the participation of the children

If parents wish to withdraw their child from RE or Collective Worship, or would like further information please contact the headteacher.

This is our school  
Let peace dwell here  
Let Peace begin with me  
Let the room be full of contentment  
Let love abide here  
Love of one another  
Love of humankind  
Love of life itself  
And love of God  
Let us remember  
That as many hands build a house  
So many hearts make a school  
*Amen*