

Chilton Foliat Primary School Themed Week
SERVICE
Monday 11th July to Friday 15th July 2022



The topic for our themed week this year is **SERVICE**. Our inspiration is Her Majesty the Queen, Queen Elizabeth II, and the story of her journey over the last 70 years. In the run up to the Jubilee Celebrations, the children explored the life and times of Queen through the lens of duty and **SERVICE**; of her support of countless charitable organisations and admiration of voluntary **SERVICE**. It really helped them understand the significance of the Jubilee.



Living out our school Christian vision and values



With thankfulness, courage and love, we strive to improve heart and mind

At Chilton Foliat Primary School we honour our educational heritage, supported by a strong Christian ethos. We strive to provide a diverse education that inspires children to develop a **thirst for knowledge**. This is delivered in a safe, thoughtful and nurturing environment promoting self-discipline, motivation and excellence in all that we do. We encourage strong partnerships and inclusive relationships amongst pupils, parents, carers, staff and the wider community.

Why Serve?

The Queen believed that God equipped her for her life of **SERVICE** and duty. We believe that God does the same for all of us. Just as the Queen is on a journey, we are on our school journey, **thirsting for knowledge, striving to improve heart and mind** and having **FAITH** that the someone or something – that greater being – is guiding us, supporting us and calling us on. By accepting her role, The Queen sacrificed her personal and private life to adopt a life of **SERVICE** in obedience to God's call, trusting him to lead her.

How we should serve?



- The big questions we will be asking our children in the context of their own personal journey during our themed week will include:

Who would you like to **SERVE**?

- How can we use our core Christian values, **thankfulness**, **courage** and **love** to help us **SERVE**?
- What might we have to sacrifice?
- What about the joyfulness of **SERVICE**? What do we get in return for delivering an act of **SERVICE**, whatever form it takes?
- How does our Christian vision of **thirsting for knowledge**, **improving our hearts and minds** give us the strength to put aside what we might want, to give to others in **SERVICE** instead?
- Who do we believe equips us with the faith to **SERVE** others?
- How should we respond when we receive an act of **SERVICE**?
- How do we **SERVE** our spiritual selves?

Beginning our journey of Service

- A special Collective Worship led by Rev. Beth Hutton. Just as Jesus and the Queen were anointed to signify the beginning of their journey of **SERVICE**, Rev. Beth offered to anoint the children as they began their journey of **SERVICE** as part of themed week. This took the form of the sign of the cross on their hand (using holy oil) and is purely optional. Parents and carers were also invited to express an interest in attending this special Collective Worship.



Receiving an Act of Service

- Our children had the opportunity to receive an act of **SERVICE** via the medium of music. The Shelburne Ensemble is made up of five local professional musicians, all highly experienced performers and teachers, having worked with a variety of professional orchestras. They share a passion for ensuring that high quality music making is accessible to all and have come together with the aim of bringing live music to the children in our local area. Instruments involved are the violin, cello, French horn, percussion and voice. The ensemble have experience of education and outreach projects throughout the UK and enjoy being involved in music making closer to home.



Serving Others

We invited our local community to come and join us for a concert of singing and music performed by the choir and the whole school. The songs reflected the theme of **SERVICE**, some well-known and some new. After the concert, our older children **SERVED** tea and cake for our guests.



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Serving Others through Courageous Advocacy

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At the same time a children's fete took place. The fete was organised by the children, led by our School Council, for the children and sold items made by the children as a result of the popular Grow a Fiver initiative. There was also a children's raffle. All proceeds were donated to our chosen international charity for the year, UNICEF and in support and **SERVICE** of the **children of Ukraine**.

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Our core Christian Values played out...



- **Thankfulness** for what we have and the environment we are surrounded by
- **Courage** to take the next steps on our journey embracing challenge as we go
- **Love** for all that we are – our bodies and our minds - love of others without exclusion