



Ripple of Prayer

By Emma Bradley



Welcome to our first monthly prayer newsletter!

We are so excited to join together with you on this journey.

As a Church of England school, prayer and worship are central to our school identity. Our first prayer meeting was on Thursday 16th September in the Studio. This newsletter aims to spread ripples of prayer even further through our school community through sharing some of our prayer requests. Please note, any names must be anonymised for GDPR regulations.

We prayed for

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OUR SCHOOL, OUR
CHILDREN AND
INDIVIDUALS

2

OUR COMMUNITY

3

THE WIDER WORLD

Next prayer meeting:

Tuesday 5th
October
3.30-4.00pm, The
Studio (old ICT
suite). All are
welcome!

In our school

A local artist has been painting a beautiful multi-lingual welcome with the school logo to celebrate the diverse nature of our school. She has also painted the following Bible verse shown on the next page, which feels so relevant to the children and staff at this time.

'God's Gang'

Year 5 and 6 children have begun a lunchtime club leading prayerful activities for the younger children. They have got off to a fantastic start, showing excellent leadership potential and faithfulness.

1. **Our school and individuals** - thanks for our amazing children who are at the heart of everything we do. Thanks for the wise leadership of the headteacher and the effort of all staff throughout the pandemic. Pray for their continued strength, particularly at this busy time of year. Pray for one child whose ongoing health condition means they cannot currently attend school. Pray for one member of staff working from home, that they may feel fulfilled and that their talents and skills can be best used. Pray for a staff member whose mum has passed away, for peace at this difficult time.
2. **Our community** - that local businesses and venues may begin opening up safely to allow for increased opportunities for visitors and trips to enhance learning. For parent volunteers and guests to feel welcome and

safe at our school again. Pray against anxiety as things begin to open up.

3. **The wider world** - pray that COVID-19 may release its hold over us. Pray for the ongoing situation in Afghanistan and their families.



WHAT DOES FAITH MEAN TO YOU? -MISS BRADLEY, Y4 TEACHER

I was raised as a Catholic. I used to love going to church, playing in band and singing all the hymns. When I prayed, it was like a conversation with my closest friend! I talked to God about everything and He listened.

When I was a teenager, I turned away from faith, feeling that God couldn't help me with the things I was facing. Looking back, I can see His work in me all through that time. My journey eventually took me to South Wilford, where a colleague invited me to an Alpha Course at her church. It felt like coming home or reconnecting with a long lost friend who I had really missed. Aged 26, I reconnected with my faith and became a Christian. Prayer is part of my daily life, I go to church and wear a cross every day to remind me of Jesus' love for me. No matter what happens, I know He is there, which is such a powerful feeling.



What does faith mean to you? We'd love to know! Email Emma.bradley@southwilford.nottingham.sch.uk