

Collective Worship - It's Not the End, it's Just the Beginning!

Welcome – As we light the candle we think of God the Father creator of our World, God the Son who came to save us and God the Holy Spirit who lives in us always, and to think about change and moving on.

Are you someone who likes change or do you like things to stay the same? My son has the same thing every morning for breakfast and the same packed lunch every day when he goes to school. I have offered to buy different things for him to eat but he likes what he has and doesn't want to change.

Things need to change! Imagine if we never changed our socks, or changed a tyre on a car or if caterpillars didn't change into butterflies because they were too scared of the changing.

Some changes are easy but often change makes us feel nervous or excited. But one thing is certain things do need to change.

Imagine if you played with the same toys now that you played with as a baby or if you were in the same class from reception through to age 18 still doing the same work and sitting on the same tiny chairs!

Bible Story – After Jesus had died and was raised back to life, he stayed amongst his disciples for a short while before he ascended into heaven. The disciples were nervous of the changes that had already happened and the ones that were still to come, but God sent His Holy Spirit to stay here on Earth and to help the disciples through change and even to help them *to* change.

Reflection -

It was not the end it was just the beginning!

There are not many days left until the end of term. At the end of term lots of things end, some are sad but many are happy and there are lots of changes to look forward to. For some it will mean a new class or a new teacher, for some children it means going to a new school.

If we think about the word 'end' for a minute we can add to it to make other words.

Here are some I thought of!

Mend. Sometimes it's important to mend some things before we finish. We might need to mend some friendships which are broken, by saying sorry and forgiving each other.

Spend. How are we going to spend the holidays? How can we plan our time so that we don't just watch TV all day? How can we make sure we stay safe when we're not at school?

Ascend. In September lots of children will move up a class, and Year 6 will have 'ascended' - gone up into secondary school. It's an exciting time, and a sad time too. Jesus too ascended into heaven and his disciples had to get used to him not being with them to guide them and tell them what to do.

Friend. It is sad when friends move away and sometimes we don't get to see them as often as we would like to. How can we keep in contact with each other? Jesus' friends missed him but were able to think of many good times they had shared.

Splendid. Wish everyone a 'splendid' holiday, and celebrate some 'splendid' achievements and *s-end* all our best wishes for the future.

Look forward to the changes but remember don't forget the past.

Fresh starts are often great!

Prayer – We thank you God for changes, for seasons that change, for the changes that happen to us as we grow and for the excitement of change. Help us when we are worried about change. Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Follow this link to watch the video of this Collective Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBt4S7W6UjI&feature=youtu.be>

Worship song you might like to listen to:

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