

Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

A Year to Celebrate!

A big 'thank you' to all members of our school community who have so wholeheartedly embraced the many opportunities for spiritual development this year. Pupils have enjoyed a fantastic range of experiences including Youth Alpha, GLOW, a ULT Easter activity day at St Mary's Church; a performance by Salt Mine Theatre Company and 'Sacred Space' where children had the opportunity to explore our school values, spirituality and beliefs through reflection and prayer activities.

We've been to St Michel's Church for school celebration services for Harvest, Christmas and Easter and a special service to remember the Queen. Rev Liz is also supporting a group of children in school who are preparing for their first communion.

The pupils' efforts in supporting important charities has been particularly commendable and we are very grateful to families who have supported in this way. As a school, we have contributed to the Christmas Shoe box appeal and Uttoxeter Food Bank. This year, the school community has also helped raise money and collected supplies for a school in Kenya. Mrs Bannister visited the school at Easter and was able to take the supplies that we had collected along with the money.

Our final charity event of the school year will take place in the week beginning 10th July. Did you know that more people in the world have a mobile phone than access to a toilet? Or that almost 1 in 3 people in the world do not have a safe place to go to the toilet? Our GLOW group have been working with Jordan to learn more about the 'Toilet Twinning' charity and are planning to hold a special assembly to raise awareness to the rest of the school. They are also planning a lunchtime fundraiser on **Thursday 13th July** with lots of fun activities, so if you could support this by sending your child into school with some spare change to donate or to partake in the activities that would be great. More information will be shared on our newsletter, so look out for that!

It is wonderful to see that our children are acting as such powerful advocates for change within our local community and the wider world. It is this work that helps to make Ryecroft very special indeed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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