

## **Courageous Advocacy**

The Christian Gospel says that every person has a unique task to do, with God, and for God, whether they know it or not. We hold and courageously advocate the conviction that there is something special, and potentially wonderful, in everybody.

How does Cawston CE Primary Academy's Christian vision support the character and moral development of all pupils, giving them aspiration for themselves and hope for the communities to which they belong?

How well does our Christian vision inspire the whole school community to engage in social action and to be courageous advocates for change in their local, national and global communities?

*"In partnership with the Church of England's Education Office, we want to encourage a deeper understanding of global injustice and the Christian response to it in primary school pupils across England."*

(christianaid.org.uk, 2019)

At Cawston CE Primary Academy, we are courageous advocates in what is best for members of our community, locally and nationally.

We understand that life can be challenging at times and that all people, including friends, family and global citizens will face difficulties that they need help to be resilient with in order to overcome them. To ensure that our community grows, is nourished and flourishes we have been and are supportive of a range of charities in our local area, nationally and globally.

Within the community our school is a beacon of light that stands up for what it believes in. Our core Christian Values (Respect, Resilience, Responsibility and Compassion) and British Values (Rule of Law, Tolerance, Democracy, Mutual Respect and Individual Liberty) ensure pupils have opportunities to discuss current world issues, to challenge injustice and to engage in activities that can bring about change. Such as:

- Democracy- Brexit
- Holocaust Memorial Day
- Empathy Day
- National Storytelling Week
- Black History Month
- Black Life Matters
- Equality: International Women's Day
- Remembrance Day
- Recycling – Plastic Free Oceans
- Collective Worship planning
- Eco Schools sustainability goals
- Staff Briefings with Prayers and British Value highlights – current world issues and historic events.

We have a long tradition of supporting charities at Cawston CE Primary Academy. We aim to inspire courageous advocacy and instil our Christian Values in the whole school community. This includes participating in events as well as organising fundraising to benefit a wide range of causes locally, nationally and globally. Some of these include:

- Send a Cow -poverty in Africa
- Shelter-St Martins' Field
- Children in Need
- Children's Society
- Christian Aid
- Save the Children
- Comic Relief
- Sport Relief
- 40 Days of Lent.
- Children with Cancer
- Teddy Trust
- WWF – saving koalas in bushfires
- The Little Princess charity
- British Heart Foundation
- The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.
- Harvest Festival Food Donations.