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Dear Colleague

Re: Prayer Spaces

In July 2013, St John Fisher School welcomed the Prayer Spaces Team who came to lead Year 5 and 6 pupils in opportunities to explore prayer over a period of two days.

Every child in Years 5 and 6 took part in a range of prayer activities which gave them the opportunity to reflect and contemplate about how they pray. The responses from the children were overwhelmingly positive. Staff and parents also enjoyed the experience.

It was such a successful experience that the school invited the Prayer Spaces Team back in September 2013 to do some further work with Years 4, 5 and 6.

The children made good use of the opportunity to evaluate the week. They shared the following insightful comments with us:-

- "The most amazing way I think I'll ever learn how to pray to God" (Year 4)
- "a good way of showing God you love Him" (Year 4)
- "I learnt that prayers are very meaningful and could really cheer you up and calm you down" (Year 5)
- "I thought it was the best thing I have done in Year 5"
- "It helps you get close to God" (Year 6)
- "I learnt that when you pray God listens to you and you can feel it in your heart" (Year 6)

Staff and parents who supervised the activities were very impressed by the tasks and remarked on what a powerful and moving experience it was for everyone.

In the coming year we plan to extend our work on prayer as follows:-

- Lunchtime prayer club for children;
- An annual visit from the Prayer Spaces Team
- Include Prayer Spaces in our RE scheme of work;
- Great Open Door (GOD) assembly on 14th January 2014.

The work of the Prayer Spaces Team has really enhanced and supported the ethos and values of our school. I highly recommend Prayer Spaces to you; it is a wonderful opportunity for all pupils and we look forward to working with you again in 2013-2104.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J M Richards
Headteacher

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 We belong to the family of God
 Growing in Love, Learning together
 Caring for each other, becoming responsible
 Following Jesus

