

# PLYMOUTH COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL



## ASSEMBLIES Including Early Years Foundation Stage

Assemblies are an important part of the school day and take a variety of forms. There are two full assemblies a week which are attended by the whole school except Kindergarten who only attend on special occasions. One of these is the Friday assembly which is used to celebrate success throughout the school. Parents are invited to attend this assembly particularly if their child is participating. On two days of the week the Juniors and Infants are split for assembly whilst the other day is used for hymn or singing practise.

Although most of our assemblies include an act of corporate worship and prayer from within the Christian tradition we do take advantage of the occasion to broaden pupils' knowledge of other world religions. As well as promoting the values of the school, and fundamental British values, assemblies are also an opportunity for pupils to perform in music and drama and provide a welcome meeting point at which notices and information can be disseminated.

Pupils whose parents do not wish them to attend a Christian assembly have the right to request that they miss any assembly with a high religious content, usually our Thursday assembly led by St Andrew's Church. However, pupils should not miss more than two assemblies per week. In the circumstance of pupils missing an assembly they will be supervised by staff until the point at which notices are to be given when they can return to assembly.

Staff must, whenever possible, attend assembly and supervise the children. Staff are encouraged to take a positive role in the assembly programme.

Form assemblies, or subject based assemblies, are always well received and will be expected from time to time. Any staff wishing to lead an assembly will be encouraged to do so. The Celebration Assembly on Friday is an important occasion and staff should help by ensuring that any awards to be given out are clearly labelled and in the Assembly Box which is kept in the School Office.

We hold assemblies at the start of every day as shown in the table below:

	<b>Juniors</b>	<b>Infants</b>
Monday	Assembly in the Chapel led by the Headmaster	Assembly in the Conference Room led by the Deputy Headteacher
Tuesday	Whole school assembly in the Chapel	
Wednesday	Hymn practice	Assembly in the Conference Room
Thursday	Assembly in the Chapel led by St Andrews Church	Hymn practice
Friday	Whole school in the Chapel for our Celebration Assembly	

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**Headmaster**

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