



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Mums, Dads & carers

We would like to update you on an important change in how we are talking with children about achieving their best both in their learning and living up to our school values. Staff and Governors reflected on this last term and selected a biblical quote which summarised what we want for the children of Thomas Bullock Primary Academy.

The quote we selected was:

'You are the light of the world. A town on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven.'

Matthew 5:14-16

This is a long quote but it speaks of what we want for our children, we want all children at our school to succeed and be the best people they can be. We want this school and all the children who attend now and in the future to be beacons of the values we hold so dearly and which under-pin all the work we do. We want all children to have their moment to shine at school, beyond school and in their future lives in a variety of different ways, to have a sense of self and that they are enough in themselves.

As we know the imagery of light and the use of candles runs across all faiths and is symbol which brings hope within secular life also. It is imagery which can be understood by people of faith and of no faith.

As a way to summarise the longer quote with the children and to enable them to understand and remember this idea we will be using:

'Let your Light shine!'

We will be organising a range of activities and events to develop this thinking further and as our first activity we would like children and families to write a new school prayer to be included in church services and collective worship.

The only rule is that it must contain the line, **'Let your Light Shine!'**, somewhere in the prayer. We would like you to submit your prayer to the school office by Monday 30th September. The new prayer will be selected by staff and Rev. Gill Wells and will then be used in our collective worship and school services.

Many thanks for your support

Angela Phelps
Deputy Head Teacher

