



WHY WE STARTED PRAYER BUDDIES....

We wanted to strengthen and deepen the connections between our school and our local church.

We wanted the children to have a familiar face from church, someone who they might recognise if they went to church events. We wanted people from church to get to know the children more and be actively involved in the life of our school.

WHAT DOES THE ROLE OF PRAYER BUDDY INVOLVE...

Many of our prayer buddies already volunteer in school as reading helpers; they commit to pray for the children regularly and attend class worship and special worship activities across the year. Prayer buddies might be invited to help on class trips or with special activities in the classroom. Prayer buddies have helped lead special events in church for school, for example, Experience Pentecost.

'Everything about the prayer buddies initiative is fantastic. Buddies love getting to know children and staff and the children get to know their buddy who follows them through their whole time at school. And Jesus is at the centre of it all' Rev. Rachel Bray (St Philips and St Paul with Wesley church vicar)

Our vision for education is deeply Christian, with Jesus at the heart of everything we do to ensure his promise of 'life in all its fullness' is for the common good of the whole community.

"Our prayer buddies are part of our school family and they have their own wonderful way of ministering to our team. We rely upon their generous donation of time to support our Christian mission work both in school and out. Our children love their prayer buddies and I know that the buddies care deeply for their class and class teacher. In the busyness of school life it can be hard to remember to give it all to God and pray in the moment. We can be safe in the knowledge that our prayer buddies have got a firm grip on that and pray daily for the children and staff in their class. They are very special people"

Sandie Edward (Headteacher, St Philip)

WHAT DO THE PRAYER BUDDIES SAY....

"It is a privilege to be part of the life of the school and a pleasure getting to know the children. Prayer buddies are one of the important links between the school and the life and faith of the church." Anne



"I have enjoyed my involvement with the class over the last few years, even though names for each of them hasn't been an easy task for me.

I have been committed to pray for all staff and children, especially Year 6. and they will surely be in my prayers during their transition days, and in the following weeks as they prepare for high school"

Margaret



"I have loved going on outings with Year 1, I have known them since Reception and they are a lovely lively class. I keep them all in my prayers and look forward to joining them in Year 2". Sue



"Being a prayer buddy gives an opportunity to really get involved in the class, to support both children and staff. It's a real privilege "

Margaret

