

## Top Marks for Worship in School.

Staff and pupils are celebrating at Clive Church of England Primary School following a recent inspection that rated RE as 'good' and worship at the school as 'outstanding'. An inspector from Hereford Diocese recently visited the school as part of the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) and was impressed with what she found. In her report she states that collective worship "shapes each day and strongly reflects the school's Christian character". Furthermore, she describes "the often profound effect it has on their [staff and pupils] sense of self-worth and sense of community.

Mary Lucas, head teacher, was delighted with the report but dedicates a lot of the credit to the year 6s in the school who set up for assemblies, choose readings and songs and even lead the compulsory acts of daily worship. She says that the children regularly organise assemblies and lead the rest of the school in worship, often focussing on aspects that the staff in school may not have considered. Such has been the impact of the child led assemblies that the baton for this is being passed to the current year 5s who will form next year's 'Worship Group' - ably led by Sallie Watts, worship and RE coordinator at the school.

Vicar for All Saints', Clive, Revd Rob Haarhoff, was also well praised by the SIAMS inspector, for having developed such close links between the school, church and local community.

Following their inspection, the school was also recently visited by Right Reverend Mark Rylands, Bishop of Shrewsbury. He joined the worship group for a tour and afternoon tea and scones, finishing the day off by leading whole school assembly and blessing the school's new altar frontal that was designed by the worship group and made by Suzanne Dolphin, one of the parents in school. Writing afterwards, Bishop Mark said "the worship group is an inspirational idea and a talented and highly motivated group - wonderful. Thank you for the huge privilege of being with the school for the afternoon".



Worship group meet with Bishop Mark Rylands.