

## **Pinchbeck East C of E Primary - an outstanding *church* school...**

Lincoln Diocese believes that church schools must provide an opportunity for all pupils and staff to become ***the best that they can be*** – incidentally, a phrase used regularly by Mrs Vayro long before our latest guidance from Lincoln! Being the best that they can be includes, but is not limited to academic **excellence**.

The Diocese believes that a church school should be a place where the community can **explore** safely the things of the world of humanity, of faith and of God, without a fear of judgement, condemnation or ridicule. It should be a place where it is acceptable to enter into and leave discussion, to offer different views, to disagree and to involve people of all ages, cultural backgrounds and faiths.

Church schools should be places that meet the present needs of their communities and **encourage** them to find fresh ways of thinking and being and acting. This encompasses matters of justice, hope and prophecy.

The Foundation governors are greatly encouraged that the planning we have been considering this academic year relates closely to this approach and we are confident that the staff and children live out the principles embedded within it. Mrs Vayro's Easter report, published in the April/May Chimes magazine, presented a fine example of Christianity at the centre of our Religious Education curriculum and the emphasis Foundation governors, led by the Vicar, increasingly put on valuable, structured, thematic collective worship.

Foundation Governors  
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