

## **Theme: Moving On.**

Good morning everyone, it is lovely to see you all this morning. I can hardly believe how fast this year has gone and how busy we have all been. I know you have all been on visits and some of you have been on overnight stays at PGL. We have just had the summer fair, picnic in the playground, we are finishing our creative curriculum work who could forget the alien invasion we had earlier this year and we have the Epic coming up too.

Of course now is the time we think about moving up or on. Some of you will be moving classrooms and some of you will be going on to High School. I expect you all remember how it felt when you moved up from the Infants it was perhaps both exciting and scary at the same time.

No we have a little game we would like to play with you, some of you may be familiar with this idea from a tv show. What we need is 3 very, very brave volunteers who are willing to put their hand in these boxes not knowing what is in there. Is anyone willing to help us?

Pick 2 volunteers.

Interview them: What is your name, what year are you in, who is your teacher, who is your new teacher next year etc.

Ask one volunteer to put their hand in the box A without looking and try to guess what it is. Eventually ask them to take their hand out. Could tease them about what it might be...

In box A will be some chocolate angel delight but it will look brown and sloppy when they pull their hand out. Ask them if they would like to taste it. See if they will. Afterwards explain it is angel delight.

Do the same for box B. It will have a cuddly monkey in it. Could tease them that it might have something alive in it, hope it doesn't bite etc.

Thank the 'contestants' and ask them to sit down.

Explain how when we are facing something new and unknown sometimes our imagination makes it worse than it really is and sometimes what we find is that the unknown thing is actually something quite nice and usually much better than we had expected.

Whenever we face something new, we don't have to be afraid as we have God with us and we can always ask him to help us in whatever situation we find ourselves in.

In fact when we come to the end of something and have to say Goodbye to go somewhere or start something new - goodbye actually comes from the phrase "God be with you".

#### Prayer

Dear God we thank you for all the good times we have had this year at school. For our friends and our teachers and all the things we have learnt and taken part in. We ask that you watch over us this summer that we have a safe and fun time and to help us to know that wherever we are you are with us, especially in new situations and if we ever need help we can ask you. Amen.