



◀ Show 'Greetings' from the CD, which shows a child and grandparent greeting each other with a hug.

When we wish someone a 'good morning', we are not only wishing him or her a pleasant day, we are also opening the door to friendship. If I said to new parents visiting the school for the first time 'Who are you?', it wouldn't be a very good beginning. I am sure I would ask them who they were at some point, but it would not be the first thing that I would say. Being friendly is the best start to a good morning and a good day. As we have just been singing, the world is a beautiful place, but it is made even more beautiful by friendship.

And now we are going to finish by being both friendly and grown-up. Let's make this a particularly good start to the day. I want you to shake hands with and say good morning to the people on either side of you. ▶

Reflection or prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we don't know what will happen today – what problems or pleasures await us – but we will try our best to make today a good day for those around us. Help us to take pleasure in your beautiful world and to do what we can to make it an even better place. Amen.

Let us give thanks for the world and all its wonders – for the green grass of the fields, for the clouds in the sky above us, and for the friends who stand beside us. Lord, hear our prayer.

Alternative assembly topics

- Making friends;
- Caring for the environment;
- Miracles.

Development

- Make a list of all the ways in which different people greet each other (you might touch upon other languages and cultures too).
- Design a 'welcome' board for the entrance to the school. *What might you include on it? How do we show that we wish to be friends with someone?*
- Paint, or describe in some other way, a memorable daybreak.

Links

SEAL: New beginnings; Relationships (social skills).

PSHE: 1a. To face new challenges positively; 2f. To resolve differences.