**Langley Fitzurse Worship Council -25th September 2019**

Mrs Bloomer welcomed the 8 new members: Emily, Esther, Eric, Finley, Niamh, Poppy, Charlie and Isla. Mrs Wilkinson, our link governor, sent her apologies but hopes to join us for the next meeting.

The Worship Council will meet once a term, and members serve for the whole school year.

Each member was given their Worship Badge – please look after it, as there will not be a replacement if it gets lost. Each member was given a notebook to record notes, ideas and suggestions. The group is an opportunity for us to share ideas, opinions and discussion on improving collective worship and developing Langley Fitzurse as a church school.

**ACTION:** Mrs Howe will arrange to take photos for the Worship notice board and the website.

**Why do you want to be a member of the Worship Council**

* I want to help create some outside worship spaces
* I wanted to try something new
* I like being involved in collective worship and would like to do more
* I like food and wanted to be part of the feast!
* I thought it sounded like fun
* Never been on any Council, I’m a Christian and thought it would be good to be on this one
* I helped design the worship cloth last year and wanted to do more
* This is my second time, I believe in God, and I’m a good public speaker and want to be more involved up front
* I wanted to do something different

**Minutes**

Minutes will go up on the notice board in the foyer. Please look at them to remind you what needs doing. They are also shared with Mr Hearn & Mr Osler.

**Ground Rules**

* We listen to each other and don’t interrupt
* Contributions are voluntary
* Please ask for an explanation if you don’t understand
* We will respect the confidentiality of the group

**What do you like about Collective Worship?**

* I like hearing Bible stories
* It’s a space and a rest from work, its relaxing
* I like singing
* I like the visitor who uses a board to tell stories
* I like listening to and talking about the Bible stories
* I like learning about God
* I like being together, the whole school

**How can we change/improve Collective Worship?**

* We don’t have an assembly on a Friday – we would like to
* Can pupils light/snuff the candle in CW?
* Could we light more candles as we pray – the flames look like praying hands
* More candles! All the colours lined up? Three for the Trinity?
* How can we be more persuasive to encourage people to be nice? Just talking about it in CW doesn’t seem to have an impact. We could make posters about each value and display one each term (perhaps on the Worship notice board?)
* Why don’t we have assemblies on Open Mornings – we want people to see that CW is an important part of life in our school
* Can we have a different ‘real’ Bible on the Worship table, and then pupils can look at the other Bible currently on show.
* Please can we have more Bibles stories from Mr Hearn – not just when visitors lead worship.

**ACTION:** Mrs Bloomer will discuss these suggestions with Mr Hearn and feedback to the group.

**Website**

Each year Worship Council members update their page on the school website - what needs changing/adding?

**ACTION:** Members to look at the school website – Church School page – and come with ideas for changes at the next meeting.

**Notice Board**

We have a board in the foyer which will have a photo of members, so everyone in school knows who to talk to. What else could we put up there?

**ACTION:** Bring ideas to the next meeting of what might go up on the board.

**Courageous Advocacy – Supporting Vivian**

This year we have been asked to help raise funds to support our Plan International sponsored child – Vivian (£144 per year). To begin we are going to find out a bit more about where Vivian lives (GHANA). Next time we will share what we have discovered, so we can share it with school. Then we can gather ideas to raise funds, and talk about how we will keep in contact with Vivian. In pairs:

1. Find out about GHANA – e.g. Where is it? What’s their flag? What’s their official language? What’s their capital?
2. In GHANA over half the population are Christians – mainly Pentecostals and Protestants. Find out about these churches. Can you find a song they might sing that we could learn?
3. GHANA is the second largest producer of cacao (cocoa beans) Find out about cacao, in particular the Fairtrade companies, e.g. Divine.
4. What’s it like to be a girl living in GHANA?

**ACTION:** Pupils to research and bring finding to our next meeting

**The Space Where We Worship**

Mrs Bloomer has photos of the hall and we will spend some time at the next meeting talking about what we find helpful for worship and what we’d like to change

**Priorities for the year ahead**

1. We will plan and lead at least one assembly this year
2. We will meet with the Worship Councils from other schools to celebrate in June 2020

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 20th November at 2pm**