**Langley Fitzurse Worship Council - 20th November 2019**

Attending: Esther, Emily, Eric, Finley, Niamh, Poppy, Charlie, Isla

Mrs Wilkinson (foundation governor), Mrs Bloomer

Mrs Bloomer started by reading a prayer for Worship Councils written by another group.

**Follow up from 25th Sept meeting**

* **Awaiting feedback from Mr Hearn about ideas to improve Collective Worship**
* The cloth for the Worship table needs looking after – Fi Redmond is going to add ties to stop it slipping off the table (during the Christmas holidays)
* Different ways of saying grace at lunchtime (last year’s action) – Mrs Bloomer has sent the school the music for the 2 outstanding versions. Hopefully you are now using a different one for every day of the week.

**Worship feedback**

Members gave feedback on the visitors who come in and lead worship – to be passed to Mr Hearn.

**Advent invitations**

Mrs Bloomer gave invitations to members and their families to come along to the Advent Celebration at St Peter’s on Sunday 1st December. Former members also invited. An Advent wreath for the school will be blessed and given to school.

**Web page**

Having looked at the current page the group would like to:

* Update the photo of members
* More photos
* Update the achievements and priorities for the year ahead
* Add some quotations from members
* Make sure the virtual tour includes something about being a church school

**ACTION:** Mrs Bloomer to send to Mrs Howe for updating (*done*)

**Notice board**

Mrs Bloomer thanked Esther and Emily for having prepared their ideas:

* Write a new prayer (*we’ll do this at the next meeting*)
* New photo of members (*now up*)
* Our plans for the year – goals and achievements
* Speech bubbles with questions pupils might like to ask (**Emily to work on this**)

**ACTION:** Mrs Bloomer to collect items and update the board

**Values in Action**

To help all pupils see what the new values look like in action we are going to create some photos to go up around the school, along with a Bible verse or inspirational verse. Each member chose a value to work on:

Finley and Isla – FORGIVENESS

Charlie and Eric – RESPECT

Niamh – FRIENDSHIP

Poppy – TRUTHFULNESS

Esther – PERSEVERANCE

Emily – SERVICE

There are no right or wrong answers – we are gathering ideas of what our values might look like in the life of our school. You can ask your friends and classmates, your teachers and your family.

**ACTION**: Please have your sheets ready for Mrs Bloomer to collect on **4th December**

**Courageous Advocacy – Supporting Vivian**

Mrs Bloomer thanked those who had done some research – Esther had songs to share (to discuss with Mr Osler)

1. Ghana Day – agreed as Thursday 30th January 2020. There are lots of possibilities:

* Dress up in the colours of the Ghanaian flag (£1 per child)
* Learn some worship songs, and maybe the national anthem (Mr Osler)
* Drumming
* Food
* Art/design Ghana style – Fi Redmond has volunteered to do a session with painting/printing fabric patterns
* Football tournament
* Geography – where is Ghana, flag, language, capital, coat of arms, traditions, landscape, independence day (6th March)
* Fairtrade cocoa – chocolate (learning and baking?)
* A day in the life of a girl in Ghana
* Setting up your own business – beads, soap, baked goods
* A prayer space – looking at water?
* End with celebration assembly

**ACTION:** Mrs Bloomer to discuss with Mr Hearn and staff team

1. Finding contacts, information and a visitor – Mrs Bloomer to contact Hullavington barracks, Plan International UK and the Ghana High Commission, also to put an article in the village magazine.
2. Raising funds - £144 required. What else can we do to raise money apart from dressing up. Selling cakes, book stall, selling soap...
3. Keeping in contact with Vivian – Esther and Emily to draft a letter

**ACTION:** Draft letter to be ready for Mrs Bloomer to collect on **4th December**

**Next time**

1. Finalise plans for Ghana day – we will need volunteers to help
2. Values in action – we will look at the ideas and agree designs for the photographer
3. The Space Where We Worship – we will look at the hall set up together, and start to discuss possible changes.

**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: TBC January at 2pm**