

Langley Fitzurse Worship Council – 5th October 2020

Mrs Bloomer welcomed the new members: Ellie May, Sophia, Lola, Robyn, Oliver, Isaac, Willow. Apologies from Timeea.

Mrs Bloomer welcomed Mrs Winterburn to the Worship Council, who is interested to find out what the Worship Council does 😊

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.

Mrs Winterburn will arrange a notebook for members to record notes, ideas and suggestions.

ACTION: Mrs Winterburn to organise notebooks for members.

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

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

- *I want to be involved in what happens in school*
- *I enjoyed it last time and I have lots of ideas*
- *I wanted to have a go – it's my last year in school*
- *It's a new opportunity – I thought it would be cool to help our school*
- *It's something different I want to share my ideas and it looked fun*
- *It sounded like a challenge when previous members told us about it*

Worship Council is an opportunity for us to share ideas, opinions and discussion on improving collective worship and developing Langley Fitzurse as a church school.

Minutes

Minutes will go up on the notice board in the foyer. A copy will go to each class – members to share with their class with their teacher's permission.

Mrs Winterburn to talk to KS1 teachers to see how to share and seek feedback.

ACTION: Mrs Howe to provide copies and members to share with their class.

Collective Worship

This year we are unable to meet all together for Collective Worship. Each class is having time together each day with their teacher. Each class has a book for each term to record what is taking place.

What do you like about Class Worship?

- *I like the video clips, stories and discussing questions*
- *I like learning from the clips*

- *The clips are in simple straight forward language, not jargon, so I can understand what is being talked about*
- *I like listening to different pieces of music and thinking about how it makes me feel*
- *I like being more involved – it is interactive, and we can share ideas easily*
- *I like the 'Our World' sessions – sharing Good news and bad news*

ACTION: Mrs Winterburn to check to see that the opening and closing words are being used, opportunities for prayer and looking at our school values with a Christian focus.

How can we change/improve Class Worship?

- *Make sure we don't duplicate – seeing the same video multiple times each week gets boring (often used at lunch time sessions)*
- *I don't like 'pretend' candles – there is little light, and they get left on so batteries run out*
- *It would be easier to focus if we turn the lights off*
- *Please can we have a wider variety of music – not just 'old' classical*

ACTION: Mrs Winterburn to discuss with the teachers, as we are still learning how to lead class worship in this way. Also to look at feedback from KS1 pupils.

Pupils had a real desire to be worshipping together as a whole school – ideas shared about how we enter the hall, seating, screens, etc. We will look at creative ways of sharing worship together within the COVID rules:

- An outdoor Harvest service in the playground – 19th October (weather permitting)
- Using technology – recording CW to share, KS2 pupils recording for KS1 classes. Draycot ministry team and Trevor Ranger are sending in resources to share.

Feedback – Pupil voice

Mrs Bloomer shared an evaluation sheet to record feedback from pupils on class worship – the aim would be every pupil gets the opportunity to share their views once a term. A supply of these sheets will be put in each class worship book.

ACTION: Mrs Winterburn to share evaluation sheet with teachers and introduce them to KS2 classes to start with.

Ideas for our Bible Verse - 'Let us help each other to love others and do good' Hebrews 10:24

Our school have chosen this verse because it inspires who we are as a school and how we behave each day. It is how we live out our school values. We want to find an image/picture that helps us to remember this verse and how to live this out.

There is a selection of pictures on the Worship Council notice board – and a box beneath it. You can vote for one of these images by putting the number in the box. Or draw one yourself/print off an idea from the internet and pop it in the box.

ACTION: Mrs Winterburn to ask teachers to introduce this to their class. Worship Council members to encourage their classmates to vote, please! Mrs Bloomer will collect these ideas during the first week back in T2.

Other ideas from members:

- 1) Vivian – how can we support Vivian this year?
- 2) Values Tree/prayers in the hall – when will they be updated?

ACTION: Members to come to the next meeting with ideas for us to work on this year.

Priorities for the year ahead

We need to think about what is possible during COVID restrictions?

- 1) We would usually plan and lead a collective Worship during the year – how can we do this with class worship?
- 2) At the end of each year we have a Get Together with Worship Councils from other schools – think about options for summer 2021.

Website

Each year we update the Worship Council page on the school website – this is currently being updated by Mr Osler and Mrs Howe.

ACTION: Mrs Howe to arrange to take photos for the Worship notice board and the website. Please update names of the Worship Council on the web page 😊

Meeting ended with our Prayer for Worship Councillors

Dear Lord,

Help us to be responsible as Worship Councillors.

Help us to understand how to share ideas and to share your stories.

Help us to teach our friends and families about you and how to worship you.

Help us to make a difference in our school and make it a better place.

Help us to share our friendship and be gentle so that we can be an example to others, as you are to us.

Thank you for everything you have given us, for love and friendship, for the chance to serve you. Amen.

Date of Next Meeting: in Term 2: