**Christian Distinctiveness Meeting via Teams**

 **27th April 2021**

*Karen Winterburn (Executive Headteacher), Huw Solly (Foundation Governor), Harriet Wilkinson (Foundation Governor), Katherine Bloomer (Church link)*

1. KB opened the meeting in prayer.
2. Minutes from 12th January were agreed.
3. Areas for monitoring
4. **RE**

***Policy*** - discussed with teaching staff, to TL& D committee next week for approval.

1. ***Year plan*** – part of the RE policy. **Once policy agreed to go on website (KW)**

***Monitoring*** – not able to address because of lockdown. HW had completed one set as a baseline and will share questions with HS. **HS & KW to arrange a date to track progress before the end of T6.**

***Discussion about monitoring post lockdown –*** collaborative, supportive, holistic to help it be a positive experience for staff. Recognition of fragility after a hard year, and a need to refamiliarize governors/staff and responsibilities. **KW and HW to progress.**

***Resources*** – KB has attended 3 conferences as part of her SACRE role and gathered useful resources & contacts. Highlights – world views, the images we use for CW and RE – beyond white Western Europe, active Early years RE. **KB to send a list with these minutes.**

***NATRE Spirited Arts and Poetry 2021*** – deadline 31 July. There are a variety of themes. Worship Council could help select the 10 best entries to submit? **KW to discuss with staff and let KB know decision.**

1. **Collective Worship**

***Policy*** – draft shared with staff and going to T L & D committee for approval.

***Guidelines for those leading worship –*** updated and shared with KB. **KW to send a copy to Rev Mark.**

***T5 Perseverance*** – KB has sent resources. KB and Rev Mark to lead in person worship this term with Key Stage bubbles in the hall. Also using the monthly videos from Trevor Ranger. HS asked to record thanks to Rev Mark and KB for providing resources throughout lockdown (*KB sent email to Rev Mark*)

***Pupil voice*** – KW introduced evaluation forms last week for KS2 feedback. Staff are going to support KS1 pupils to gather views – how does CW affect our heads, hearts and hands.

***Monitoring worship*** – KW has a new floor book to keep a running record of worship themes, visitor, pupil questions, etc. **HS and KB to have a look when in school.**

***Six week creative and transformational RE/Sports/Values/SMSC* Programme –** Chris Andrew runs Project Touchline, which teaches a school’s Christian values through CW and sport. He has emailed the school to ascertain interest. **KW and HW to discuss and see if Sports Premium money is available for the new academic year.**

***Church services*** – since the last meeting we’ve held an online Christingle raising money for The Children’s Society, an outdoor Easter service, and each class had a Lent Box to encourage different ways of praying – which can continue beyond Lent!

1. **Church/school links**

***Mosaic*** – a few years ago the school made mosaics and gave one as a gift to St Peter’s Church. This is now installed in the church with a notice about Peter being called to ‘Feed my lambs’.

***Cathedral Poetry Competition*** – KB had forwarded an email from Revd Dr Catherine Okoronkwo, Bishop’s Adviser on Racial Justice about this competition. **KW to discuss with staff alongside the Spirited Arts and decide which to focus on in T6.**

***Y6*** - St Peter’s Church has given ‘It’s Your Move’ booklets for all Y6 pupils, Leavers Bibles will be presented at the Leavers Service – provisionally 19th July PM. Hopefully in church, otherwise on Middle Common as last year.

***Back to School with God*** – 5th September. We hope to hold our welcome service in St Peter’s Church, followed by a BBQ in the school grounds. The Howes have overseen this with church input, and food from Chippenham Pitstop. **KB to liaise with KW and Liz Howe.**

***Joint project***: Eco church – St Peter’s donated bug hotels and bird boxes for Y6 to construct and decorate. These will be placed around the churchyard.

***Wild Church*** – to be held in St Peter’s grounds on 30th May. Adverts to be sent to the school to share with parents.

***Vacancy progress*** – KB updated the group. It is expected that we will recruit a half time incumbent. This will have an impact on what we can offer our schools, and the current situation also means diaries get full quickly. The Draycot team wants to continue to support the school – but please bear with us! Pupils have contributed their views. We may ask pupils to draft a question for candidates, and to lead a sample collective worship. **KB to liaise with KW as required**.

***Foundation Governors*** – HW is standing down, leaving 2 vacancies. These are important roles as a PT vicar will not be able to sit on the governing board. Revd Richard Priest has been approached and is willing – awaiting nomination by St Peter’s PCC and then approval from Bristol Diocese. Becky Fisher has suggested one family – KW to investigate. Another person was approached but was put off by the application form. **KW to raise with Liz Townend at her visit on 30th April.**

***Reports to St Peters PCC*** - **HS to write a report for St Peter’s APCM** (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) which is on 23rd May. HS also to take on the regular report to the PCC (Parochial Church Council). Both HW and HS have established a strong relationship which benefits the school and the church – they took part in the Bristol Diocese Transforming Church consultation.

1. **Environment**

***Displays*** – KW is updating the Worship Council board with the charities the school supports, and a new photo of the team. The Values display in the foyer is raising the profile, along with the Values in Action posters around the school.

***The Hall*** – KW has a revamp of the school hall on her action list. The Worship Council have twice carried out surveys called ‘The space where we worship’ with ideas of changes, etc. **KB to send copies to KW** (*done*)

***Learning Walk*** – KW and staff conducted walks around the school on 26th April. KW focused on CD around the school. Each class has a reflection area and a set of Values in action pictures. 2 classes have ‘stained glass’ crosses up, 2 without (pupil made or approach an artist?). Phoenix is without a mini cross. Only one class had an RE display up. **KW to follow up with staff.**

1. **Worship council/Pupil voice**

***Well done!*** – our Worship Council is the only one in the Draycot Benefice that has continued through lockdown. Katy Staples at Bristol Diocese holds up our Worship Council as excellent practice when visiting/training with other schools.

***Meetings*** – met on Teams 22nd March and in person 26th April – minutes online and sent to CD group members.

***Feedback*** – selected CD questions have been used for the last 2 meetings (see WC minutes). It was very positive that pupils could talk clearly about how particular values help their learning and school life. Pupils struggled to link Bible stories with the school values – **KW and staff to encourage pupils to talk more often to gain confidence.** KB suggested picking a Bible story to highlight each term – a picture up in class and on the values board in the foyer to act as a reminder. **KW to discuss with staff team.**

***Finding a new vicar*** – Worship Council have been involved in consultations on a new vicar for the Draycot Benefice.

***Prayer spaces*** – in T5 KB has previously set up Prayer spaces for the Y6 around SATS time. Challenge is to provide a COVID safe option for anyone interested – quiet, safe, outside. **KW and KB to discuss ideas from Worship Council and draft a plan of action.**

***Space Audit*** - **KW and HS to conduct a space audit for the whole school** – accessibility, use of space, Eco issues. A plan would then go to F&R along with options for grants.

1. **Spirituality**

***Draft policy*** – KB had sent the model policy used by Gloucester Diocese. **KW to ask hub schools for any examples.** We need to have a policy for SIAMS but there needs to be a balance between having a document and it being relevant to our school.

***Training*** – KB had asked Becky Fisher, who sent a copy of notes from a Bristol Diocese session. It is important to address this as a staff team and will feed into a policy too. HS noted this will cover well being too. **KW and KB to discuss further.**

***Wellbeing*** – KW reported that the Wiltshire health & wellbeing survey will be carried out in both school between 6th May and 11th June – KS2 using iPads in school. The local authority uses the data, but schools also receive a report which will give a baseline and possible actions.

1. **SIAMS**

KW has heard there is a new 4-page SEF – **KW to confirm with Liz Townend or Katy Staples.** Inspections due to resume in Autumn 2021. **KW to populate the SEF – to revisit at July’s meeting.**

Letter dated 28th Jan 2021 announced A national system for managing inspections has been developed with the dioceses to ensure greater consistency in experience and processes. https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/210128%20Schools%20re%20SIAMS.pdf

We need to move forward with the chosen Bible verse, image and theological underpinning for the school vision. **KB will look at this in T6 and share at the next meeting.**

**AOB**

* ***Website*** – no further work has happened because of lockdown. **HS will revisit the audit and liaise with Liz Howe either remotely or in person.**
* ***Minute taking*** – **Karen to ask Liz Howe** **if she would consider minute taking for this meeting.**
* ***Funding Vivian*** – this will be the last year of sponsorship, and the staff and pupils have agreed to cover the costs from their class fundraising pot. The school has received a letter from Vivian in reply to the one sent by the last Worship Council in Jan 2020 – copies sent on to Esther & Emily who have now left the school. **KW will ask Liz Townend from the Diocese about a new link with Uganda** **on 30th April.**
* ***Thanks*** – KB gave a gift from St Peter’s PCC and the Draycot team to KW to mark her (nearly!) first year in post. It has been a challenging year and we appreciate all her hard work and the progress KW and the staff have achieved.
* ***Thanks and farewell*** – KB gave a gift from St Peter’s PCC and the Draycot team to HW who is standing down as Foundation Governor. All the time and effort HW has given the school is much appreciated, especially her commitment to the relationship with St Peter’s PCC, SIAMS and wellbeing.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 6th July at 1.30pm**

(**KW please invite Revd Richard Priest**)