

Christian Distinctiveness Meeting, 10th May 2022

Attending: Karen Winterburn (Headteacher), Katherine Bloomer (church link),
Rev Richard Priest (Foundation Governor), Tom Stables (Foundation Governor),

Copy to: Ed Shire (Chair), Huw Solly (Foundation Governor)

RP opened in prayer.

<p>Minutes from 25th January 2022</p>	<p>Website – see section on SIAMS</p> <p>Theological underpinning - Katherine had refreshed and received feedback. She will send the updated version to go to FGB for endorsement. It then needs to be shared with staff and beyond.</p> <p>Uganda update – no further progress.</p> <p>COVID response – KW and JO have still to complete for the SIAMS pre visit.</p> <p>Training - 18th March DoB Education conference in Swindon postponed until 14th October.</p> <p>Experiences supported by North Wiltshire Mission Area - T5 and T6 are very busy. To look at possibilities in the next academic year - Katherine to provide details.</p> <p>Church partnership award - presented at St Peter's All Age service in March.</p> <p>Lunchtime prayers - Katherine had sent copies to Karen.</p> <p>Outdoor Reflection Area - the PTA has offered support and Katherine is working with Amy Tayler on this. There is a budget of £400 (PTA/School) St Peter's PCC also offered their time and talents.</p>	<p>KB (done)</p> <p>KW/JW</p> <p>KB</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<p>Change of date for Bristol Diocese Church school partnership network - now 25th May. Foundation Governors to check they are receiving the termly newsletter from the Diocesan Education Dept which details training opportunities. Following the change of date Katherine can no longer attend this month - has requested details to share.</p> <p>Rural Schools Festival with iSingpop w/c 23 May - organized by Becky Fisher in Gauzebrook Group of Churches for KS2 pupils. This has been funded by a charity, so the only cost is for the coach to Malmesbury Abbey on 26th May. St Peter's PCC has kindly donated £50 towards this cost. Please pass on our thanks.</p> <p>Village Scarecrow Weekend - 18th & 19th June - there will be an outdoor service on Sunday morning, and the Worship Council will be invited to take part. Looking at a musician's group too.</p>	<p>Governors</p>

	<p>Lifepath at Malmesbury Abbey for Y5 - 21st June. This is part of the 11 x 11. Katherine to attend with school as a helper.</p> <p>Leavers Service - 18th July, 2pm - plan is for outdoors, with church as a wet weather option. St Peter's will be gifting a Bible for each Y6 pupil. For the new academic year Katherine offered to come in to class to help pupils explore their Bible. It was suggested an end of year service in church might be planned in future.</p> <p>Wild Church - run 2nd Sunday of the month around the North Wilts Mission Area - KB sends posters to encourage families, along with the monthly service list.</p>	
Church/School links	<p>It's Your Move booklets - these have been gifted to Y6 pupils and Mrs Webster will work through with them during T6. (<i>in an email following the meeting Katherine mentioned a visit in T6 from Jessy Price, the NWMA Youth Enabler and opportunities for Confirmation</i>)</p> <p>Muddy Church resources - 2 books gifted to KS1 classes. These particularly focus on outdoor learning with wondering questions, to support spiritual development.</p> <p>Partnership Award - although no review is required by the Diocese, it was agreed that it is helpful to keep this as a living document. Katherine will send out the original application and review sheet again - St Peter's PCC are asked to identify a couple of next steps, and the staff team in school. We will look at this in July's meeting. It would also be helpful to include items that have happened since the application in 2020.</p> <p>Transition update. Rev Mark left at Easter. The advert for a new priest in charge went out on 6th May, closing date 30th May. Familiarisation & interviews poss. 27/28 June.</p>	<p>TS/RP</p> <p>KW</p>
Collective Worship	<p>This week in class due to SATS, but otherwise whole school worship has returned to the hall. Katherine will provide resources for T6. She would appreciate feedback on what is helpful, or less useful.</p> <p>Evaluation is not yet embedded with staff. Karen suggested the staff member leading worship should be responsible for passing the feedback forms to adults/pupils.</p>	<p>KW/JO</p>
Worship Council/Pupil Voice	<p>There was no meeting in T4 but pupils took part in the school Easter service. Meeting on 16th May to prepare for leading Collective worship on 18th. And follow up on Spirituality discussion.</p> <p>Prayer activity for Reflection tables - this term the value is Perseverance, so Katherine has provided a knotted prayer activity for each class. Feedback would be appreciated.</p>	<p>KW/JO</p>

	<p>T6 value is Service - look at making up summer packs for visitors to Doorway (e.g., sun cream, water bottles) Katherine to contact Doorway to check what is useful and quantities & let Karen know.</p>	KB/KW
Spirituality	<p>Karen and Katherine attended the Spiritual development training led by Katy Staples - very helpful. To be used in staff training in 2022/23.</p> <p>Policy – to come from discussion with staff as the school develops its own understanding of spirituality. Karen had raised this at the schools hub but nothing forthcoming.</p> <p>Training with staff – KW to look at twilight dates in next academic year (2 preferably) - Katherine happy to help lead these.</p>	KW/KB
Environment	<p>The hall and foyer were redecorated at Easter - noticeboards and artwork removed. The priority is for walls not to be cluttered, displays to be engaging supporting the school vision/values, etc. Discussion took place on what will go back up: History timeline and values tree in the foyer & values Bible stories. Displays in the hall about Uganda/twin binning, 11 x 11, Worship Council; key Bible story. Houses renamed for trees - relaunch in September. A Bible history timeline in the hall would be helpful for pupils to place stories & events.</p>	
SIAMS	<p>Laura Harris is coming to carry out a pre SIAMS visit on 16th June 1 - 3pm - all present have committed to attending, and Huw will join us too.</p> <p>Karen will draw up the SEF in the next few weeks and come back to the group for input & support.</p> <p>It is recognized that the website is a key instrument for SIAMS - Gemma & James are working on this over the summer. It was agreed that Karen would contact Laura to register this and find out what to expect for this meeting.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>KW</p> <p>KW</p>
RE	<p>Richard has met with both RE leads and found the RE curriculum thorough and systematic. There is evidence of progress in learning through each module.</p> <p>The quality of Understanding Christianity is not met with the resources for other faiths. To make use of the extensive online provision e.g., SACRE and NATRE. Richard is helping to facilitate a visit to the Gurkha temple at Buckley Barracks, mindful of the current military pressures. Focus finding out about Christianity overseas. Pastor Thanos at Union Chapel is happy to be contacted about Greek Orthodox Christianity, and for a visit to the Union Chapel next door to contrast with St Peter's Church.</p> <p>Displays are being refreshed around the school - highlighting RE themes would be helpful. Also pictures on the website, school video and class newsletter.</p>	

	Chameleon visited St Peter's on 3 rd May, and Phoenix are due on 11 th May as part of RE - special places & what helps us worship. It was clear that a focus on the Eucharist would be helpful at some point - maybe via a Trail?	
AOB	Schools are expecting trees to plant in the autumn - our school site is not appropriate, and it is a big commitment to ongoing care. Discussions underway with a local farmer to plant on his land.	
Date of next meeting	Tuesday 5 th July, 1.30pm in school	