**Christian Distinctiveness Meeting, 11th July 2022 (online due to high Covid absences)**

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

**Apologies:** Tom Stables (Foundation Governor), Huw Solly (Foundation Governor)

Copy to: Ed Shire (Chair)

KB opened in prayer.

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| **Minutes from****10th May 2022** | ***Outdoor reflection Area*** - Katherine and Amy have started work setting this up. Positive feedback from pupils received. To continue in the new academic year.***Rural Schools Festival*** – this was a great success. Greatly enjoyed the art project, iSingPop and valued seeing the Bible brought to life through Open the Book dramas. See more on Bristol Diocese website<https://www.bristol.anglican.org/news/celebrate-and-sing--rural-schools-festival.php>***Scarecrow Weekend*** – Robyn from Worship Council read for the outdoor service.***Lifepath at Malmesbury Abbey*** – KB has received very positive feedback from those running the event about how engaged and thoughtful LF pupils were.Bristol Diocese Church school partnership network meeting in May was cancelled. Katherine will share the news dates when known. | **KB** |
| **Upcoming Events** | ***Leavers Service*** – Monday 18th July at 2pm. Discussion over the venue. Due to high Covid rates it was agreed that outdoors would be sensible (the heatwave changed plans again!) The PCC have once again given Bibles for each of the Y6.***Back to School service*** – Sunday 4th September, 10.30am in church. Invitations to go out to 21 new families and on social media. Refreshments to follow.***Harvest*** – awaiting PCC decision on date, so we can enjoy the harvest decorations in church. **(confirmed Monday 3rd October**) Food collection for Doorway. Katherine will send a service outline for school to use (*done*)***Remembrance*** – Richard will come and lead a service in school. | **KB/KW****KB** |
| **Church/School links** | ***Draycot update*** – at the time of the meeting the appointment was not confirmed. Rev Suzanne Grindrod will be arriving in December 2022.***Wood from St James*** – delivered to school for the outdoor play area. Thanks sent to the PCC for contributing £50 to cover costs. The tree was planted in 1776 – it would be nice to have a plaque and a blessing once completed.***Wild Church in schools*** – Jessy Price, the Youth Mission Enabler from North Wiltshire Mission Area (NWMA) is offering a package to each school for the new academic year. Either 3 Wild Church sessions with KS2 or leading CW x 3. Katherine to put school in touch with Jessy (*done*)***Transition session*** – Jessy Price, from NWMA to come in with Katherine and lead a session and create links with secondary school CUs, etc. Ice cream social on 10 September advertised (3 pupils attended the social)**Partnership Award** – to revisit in September due to a very busy school diary. Input requested from the PCC and staff.***NWMA Pilgrimage Trail*** – it is hoped that St Peter’s could include a focus for children. Creating a trail is on the To Do list for the Worship Council, which will give a good link. | **KW/HR****PCC/KW****KB** |
| **Collective Worship** | Continues to involve whole school attendance, with use being made of outdoor worship when the weather allows. The roving mic is helpful. |  |
| **Worship Council/Pupil Voice** | Meeting held on 18th May, last meeting on 12th July to celebrate and say Thank you and to lead collective worship on 13th July.***New Worship Council –*** will be elected by classes in September to meet early Oct. Katherine will organize badges.***T6 project –*** it hasn’t been possible to collect summer packs for Doorway. The option of a challenge involving pupils assembling packs at home over the summer and submitting photos of delivering their donation is being considered.***Ideas for 2022/23 –*** create an Easter Trail for Early Years/KS1? Church trail; developing spirituality ideas. | **KB** |
| **Spirituality** | A date for whole school training is booked for 17th October – Karen to check Laura Harris’s availability (and cost). This will provide time, space and a focus for staff to explore spirituality before rolling out for the whole school as we find the Langley Fitz way of understanding spirituality. | **KW** |
| **Environment** | In house displays are looking good following refreshing. School houses are being named after trees (Oak, Maple, Rowan, Chestnut), reflecting the school vision for ‘flourishing’ and the growing Eco commitment of the school.***Round house*** – plans being developed to use this space.***Art project invitation*** – creating peg dolls for a visual representation of the school family. Thursday 2nd September. |  |
| **SIAMS** | Laura Harris visit 16th June – positive feedback and list of actions:* Importance of website – JO and Gemma to look at this over the summer
* SEF – Karen has populated the document – need to reduce and work on presentation
* Include time exploring the Trinity and Eucharist

The school is on the list for 2023 inspections – possibly Spring term. | **JO****KW** |
| **RE** | There have been 3 class visits to St Peter’s - 3rd and 11th May, and 7th June. Exploring special places, and Christian signs and symbols linked with worship. A valuable and enjoyable experience for pupils.***Early years support*** – continuous provision. Challenge to link with values, RE and Christian Distinctiveness. Katherine has met with Helen to share ideas – use of Muddy Church resources, Values story telling once a term with Katherine; put in contact with Becky Fisher, local Godly Play practitioner. | **HR** |
| **AOB** | Karen recorded her thanks, and thanks received from the school to Katherine, Richard, Foundation governors and PCC for all their support over the year. |  |
| **Date of next meeting** | 26th September 1pm in school |  |