**Christian Distinctiveness Meeting, 24th January 2023**

**Attending:** Karen Winterburn (Headteacher), James Osler (Head of School),

Katherine Bloomer (church link)

**Apologies:** Tom Stables (Foundation Governor), Huw Solly (Foundation Governor). Rev Richard Priest (Foundation Governor)

Copy to: Ed Shire (Chair), Rev Suzanne Grindrod (Priest in Charge)

KB opened in prayer.

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| **Minutes from**  **22nd November 2022** | ***Blessing the Outdoor Area*** – There is further work planned for the Early Years area. School to advise when complete and we can arrange a date.  ***Website Update*** – James showed an example of the refreshed website. The aim is for it to be live for T4. Katherine to re-send pieces on St Peter’s Church (*done*), the Values photos (*done)* and revisit the Partnership section.  ***Early Years and Baptism*** – thanks to Richard for leading a session in church at the end of T2.  ***Godly Play*** – Becky Fisher has visited in T3. Katherine is leading an Early Years Values story telling session tomorrow.  ***Advent Experience*** – it went well, with support from church volunteers and the NWMA Youth team. | **KW/JO**  **KB** |
| **Upcoming Events** | ***Christingle in T3*** – date agreed. Thursday 2nd Feb church volunteers will come in during the afternoon to make Christingles with pupils. Service to take place in church on Friday 3rd Feb at 9.10am. The Worship Council is planning and taking a lead in this service.  ***Lent*** starts from Wednesday 22nd February (Ash Wednesday) – colour change to purple. The DBAT chaplain has shared some resources with Katherine, who will send on to school (*done*). There is also an Easter booklet.  ***Easter*** – service date booked for Thursday 30th March, 2.15pm. T4 project for Worship Council is to create a trail for Hercules class. | **KB** |
| **Church/School links** | ***Rev Suzanne Grindrod –*** Suzanne is now on the termly CW rota and will share in leading school services.  ***Partnership award*** – this has not been progressed. Katherine will have a look and send to Karen & James.  ***Pilgrim Trail*** – Katherine hopes to have an update for T4.  ***Pastoral support*** – St Peter’s pastoral link, Fiona Buchan is working with a school family to help provide support. | **KB** |
| **SIAMS** | ***SEF*** – there are further governor meetings this week to tighten up this document. Linking impact with the school’s vision and values is key.  Support documents for governors and staff to be highlighted so people know what to expect. Karen noted that new staff have started since this was last done. Regular conversations with pupils to boost their confidence is also helpful. | **KW/JO** |
| **Collective Worship** | All going well. Last week the Worship Council helped lead with Mrs Bloomer. |  |
| **Worship Council/Pupil Voice** | ***Worship Council –*** meeting took place on 12th January. Minutes to come. Pupils have selected the colours for each value for the tree and are planning and leading the Christingle service this term. Next term they will create an Easter trail for Hercules, and further work on the Outdoor reflection area. | **KB** |
| **Spirituality** | Following on from the October staff training day, Karen 7 & James need to agree a definition and a policy to share with staff and governors. Encouraging staff to use the window, door, mirror, candle images in their planning was agreed to be a way of raising awareness and being intentional. Katherine to send links again (*done*) | **KW/JO**  **KB** |
| **Environment** | The Values tree and Worship board is now up in the hall. Values leaves are the next step, and explanations, vision/values/Bible verse and photo of Worship Council to go up on the board. | **KW** |
| **RE** | Support in T4 – school to confirm which class might benefit from support depending on the curriculum plan. To contact Katherine in good time if input appreciated.  ***Learning walk*** – will now clash with Christingle making, so James and Richard to re-arrange. | **JO**  **JO/RP** |
| **AOB** | The school advised that there are strike days coming up – not yet aware of the level of disruption. Staff sickness is also causing pressure on the team. |  |
| **Date of next meeting** | Tuesday 14th March 1pm in school |  |