**Langley Fitzurse Worship Council – 5th October 2022**

Pupils: Alex (Y4), Emilia (Y3), River (Y4), Adonis (Y5), Summer (Y6), Elin (Y5),

Willow M (Y6), Zane (Y3)

Mrs Bloomer (*Church Link*)

As it is a new school year, new members have been selected or voted on, having volunteered for the role. They wanted other pupils to know that they are there to help and answer questions. They are keen to be introduced to the whole school in a Collective Worship, and have their photos up so pupils get to know who they are quickly.

**ACTION:** School to arrange photos for the new Worship notice board and the website. Please update names of the Worship Council on the web page

Mrs Winterburn to arrange for members to be introduced in CW.

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.

**ACTION:** Mrs Winterburn to organise notebooks for members, please.

**Ground Rules**

* We listen to each other and don’t interrupt
* We will respect each other’s ideas & views even if they are different from our own
* There is no such thing as a silly question – if you don’t understand, ask!
* Contributions are welcome but voluntary

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

* *I wanted to get involved*
* *I’ve got lots of ideas*
* *I wanted to work with other year groups*
* *I like helping*
* *I like missing lessons!*

***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 when up in the hall. A copy will go to each class – members to share with their class with their teacher’s permission. **Members are encouraged to ask classmates for their ideas and views.**

**ACTION:** School to provide copies and members to share with their class.

**Collective Worship**

One of the roles of Worship Council is to provide a Pupil Voice.

***What do you like about Collective Worship?***

* *Being chosen to join in*
* *Singing*
* *Listening to stories*
* *Celebrating individuals with certificates*
* *Involving everyone*
* *Having different themes each day – news, singing, celebration*
* *Being together and seeing others from different classes*
* *How we communicate – sharing ideas, listening to each other*

**How might we change/improve Collective Worship?**

* *Make it longer! (The full 15 minutes, if people turn up on time)*
* *Make the hall bigger – more space (less clutter?)*
* *Different decorations (the hall decorations are currently being re-designed)*
* *Explain and share stories with the younger pupils*
* *Introduce new pupils so we can learn their names*
* *Be more interactive – movement, involvement*
* *Singing more songs, different songs, being able to choose some songs*
* *Improve the outside area*
* *Have a time table up so pupils know who is coming in and what is happening each day in Collective Worship.*

**ACTION:** Mrs Winterburn to take these thoughts back to the staff team to progress.

**Courageous Advocacy**

This year we are going to help our school think about Courageous Advocacy – we discussed what this means:

***Courageous*** means it is not easy, we will need to be brave, persevere and work hard

***Advocacy*** means speaking up/out for others, especially those who have no voice, who are experiencing an injustice.

As a school we support lots of charities and organise fund raising – people are very generous. However, Courageous Advocacy is so much more than money. There are some steps we are going to work through this year to help shape who our school supports and how.

Step 1 – Which charities do we already support during the school year – and why?

**ACTION**: Each member to find out which charities our school supports over the school year – ask pupils, staff, parents & carers, PTA, and make a list. THEN, write down why you think we support each one and bring to the next meeting.

**Priorities for the year ahead**

1. Outdoor reflection area – keep developing this.
2. Leading worship – plan to lead in T3
3. Church Trail – to link with NWMA Pilgrim Trail (competition to create a stamp for St Peter’s)
4. Create an Easter Trail for Early years/ KS1
5. Developing opportunities for spiritual development

**Date of Next Meeting in Term 2: TBC**