**Christian Distinctiveness Meeting, 22nd November 2022**

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

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.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Minutes from**  **28th September 2022** | ***Blessing the Outdoor Area*** – Katherine has spoken to Helen. Suggested date of 15th December, morning. Katherine will ask the new vicar and confirm with school. Otherwise, we’ll do it early in the New Year.  ***Website Update*** – James gave an update. There is a new site under construction – aim to be active in Jan 2023.  ***Remembrance*** – thanks to Richard for leading this service in school.  ***Village magazine*** – James is sending a monthly article and will rotate around staff. Picture for the front cover alternate months. Thank you.  ***Calendar of the Church year*** – sent via email on 30/9.  ***Godly Play feedback*** – Becky Fisher had been in to Hercules and told the story of the Holy Family. Pupils had engaged, reflected and responded. Appreciative feedback from parents and staff. Helen to arrange dates with Becky. | **KB**  **HR** |
| **Upcoming Events** | ***Values storytelling –*** Katherine is going in on 23/11 to explore Advent, getting ready. Aim is to visit once a term.  ***Advent Experience*** – Tuesday 29th November from 9.15. Three classes to visit (2 morning, 1 afternoon) James to let Katherine know about dietary requirements and allergies.  ***Christmas Service*** – Monday 12th December, 9.10am. The church/PTA will try and provide refreshments for parents beforehand.  ***Carols at the school gate*** – afternoon of 16th December, all welcome to come and enjoy.  ***Carols on the Common*** – outside St Peters Church this year. Tuesday 13th December.  ***Christingle in T3*** – to agree a date with school near to Candlemas on Thurs 2nd February 2023. | **JO**  **TS**  **KB/JO** |
| **Church/School links** | ***Draycot update*** – Rev Suzanne Grindrod’s licensing service is on 8th December at 7pm. Invitation has gone to Karen to attend. School no longer needed for clergy robing – thank you.  ***Partnership award*** – KW not yet talked to staff about this. Katherine to send copies to James (done 23/11). The PCC noted providing an Advent wreath and the PTA using the church for meetings. Fiona Buchan was also suggested as a volunteer to listen to readers – Richard to follow up.  ***Pilgrim Trail*** – the North Wilts Mission Area (NWMA) (see <http://nwma.org.uk/> for more info) is aiming to hold a competition in T5 for schools to design a stamp for their local church that can then be used as part of the Pilgrim Trail – Katherine will send more details when available.  ***NWMA Youth Team*** – Jessy Price and the team came in to lead Collective Worship this term on the value of Respect – happy to arrange more dates with James. There will be a Transition programme in T6 to support Y6’s.  ***Advertising events*** – Katherine sends details of services each month, special events in Draycot and NWMA events such as Wild Church and the Christmas Party for primary aged children to be shared with parents. | **KW**  **KB**  **RP**  **KB** |
| **SIAMS** | ***Webinar*** – Katherine, Richard and Karen tried to attend – technical issues, but more information will come through Bristol Diocese – it will not apply until Sept 2023.  ***SEF*** – the majority of this meeting was spent looking through the summary SEF that Karen and James have been working on. The focus on Impact and Evidence is key – and the new school website will help support this. The document is going to FGB this week, then Karen will send out to the CDM members for additional information. | **KW** |
| **Collective Worship** | ***NWMA Youth team*** – see above under Church/school links. |  |
| **Worship Council/Pupil Voice** | ***Worship Council –*** meeting on 18th November, minutes coming. | **KB** |
| **Spirituality** | Katherine ran a whole day staff training/well being session. School needs to now agree a definition of ‘spirituality’ so we can start engaging pupils. A policy is also required. | **KW/JO** |
| **Environment** | A lot of work is going on across the school – the new time line is up, and the house signs. The Worship noticeboard is due to go back up next week. Still to come the Values tree and the library. |  |
| **RE** | Helen had asked for a visit to church during the last week of T2 to explore Baptism – this is a very busy time, so Katherine suggested asking Richard to see if he might be willing to help.  We ran out of time to have a Learning Walk today – Richard is going to book one in T3, with a particular RE focus. | **HR/RP**  **JO/RP** |
| **AOB** | It has been noted that a daytime meeting means Huw and Tom find it difficult to attend – even with a digital link. However, additional evening meetings adds to the demands on Karen & James – so we agreed to try and link at least two a year with the FGB dates, to enable full involvement. Karen to advise on dates for 2023 | **KW** |
| **Date of next meeting** | Tuesday 24th January 1pm in school |  |