**Christian Distinctiveness Meeting, 9th May 2023**

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

Rev Richard Priest (Foundation Governor), Katherine Bloomer (church link)

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

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

RP opened in prayer.

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| **Minutes from**  **14th March 2023** | ***Blessing the Outdoor Area*** – *holding item.*  ***Website*** – now live! Many thanks to James for all his hard work.  ***Spirituality policy*** – Karen has circulated a policy for comments from staff and governors. This won’t go to parents for consultation, but once agreed we will find ways of introducing this. Katherine to work with the pupils on a child friendly version.  ***30th April Church service*** – thanks to Chameleon for creating resources to share at this special church service, and to Elin for coming to represent the school. | **KB** |
| **Upcoming Events** | ***Lifepath at Malmesbury Abbey*** – booked for Tuesday 20th June, for KS2. Both Katherine and Richard are happy to attend as parent helpers.  ***NWMA Transition session*** – Jessy Price will be in touch to book for T6. Katherine has delivered ‘It’s Your Move’ booklets for Y6 pupils.  ***Leaver’s Service*** – confirmed for Thursday 20th July, 2pm. School to lead, Bibles have been purchased by the church.  ***Back to School with God service –*** confirmed Sunday 3rd September 10.30am, followed by a BBQ. |  |
| **Church/School links** | ***Partnership award*** – reviewed today to include new ideas from school. RP will share at the next PCC to see which ideas can be progressed. Review summary to go up onto the website.  ***Pilgrim Trail stamp*** – every pupil was invited to draw a design. The Worship Council voted for the top 3, and then the final design was chosen by Rev Suzanne. Well done, Erin! Katherine to scan and send copy to go on the school website – *done.* | **RP**  **JO**  **KB** |
| **SIAMS** | Due imminently. Karen went through the preparation list and is working on having all the paperwork in place to send.  ***Parent Survey*** – this went out in March, with around 66% response rate, which is encouraging. Very positive response – Karen had sent a summary and response to parents. Issues already addressed:   * *Communication* – recent newsletter included all the places information is shared, including dates for the diary. * *Attending CW* – this happened pre pandemic. Parents are currently invited to special assemblies and church services. * *RE visits* – these are resuming. Lifepath is for Y5’s. Visitors and virtual visits are part of the curriculum. * *Humanism and other places of worship* – we currently follow the Wiltshire syllabus for RE which explores a range of religions over the school years. * *Songs and prayers* – have updated the website to include the prayers that are regularly used. To look at songs each term to go on the class newsletter, perhaps? |  |
| **Worship Council/Pupil Voice** | ***Worship Council –*** meeting took place on 24th April - minutes sent out.   * Easter Trail with Hercules and Pegasus was well received. Pupils lead and listened well, engaging with younger pupils. * Church trail – have made a first visit in T5 to gather ideas – ongoing. * T6 – to lead a CW and a small thank you party. * Outdoor area – still looking for appropriate furniture that is affordable. Chalks are now available, and plants growing well.   ***Understanding Spirituality*** – following the meeting Katherine met with a group of pupils to think further about the spirituality policy and the symbols of mirror, door, window and candle. Good understanding of the wide range of ideas linked to spirituality – the difference from religion, what makes you you, ideas about life and death… this is an ongoing piece of work. |  |
| **RE** | ***Monitoring*** – Richard had observed lessons last week and gave feedback. Following the meeting he met with pupils for a book look and discussion about their learning. |  |
| **AOB** | Karen requested some suggestions for books to include in a spirituality section in the library. Katherine has passed on some ideas. |  |
| **Date of next meeting** | **Tuesday 27th June 12noon in school**  To reflect on the SIAMS inspection and plan for the new academic year. |  |