**Christian Distinctiveness Meeting, 2nd October 2023**

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

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

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**  **27th June 2023** | ***SIAMS Result*** – Overall grade = Good. Impact of Collective Worship = Excellent. To revisit the new schedule nearer the end of the=is school year.  ***Back to School Service & BBQ*** – thanks to everyone for supporting. There was a good mix. Next year we will look at different ways of inviting pupils and their families.  ***Harvest service*** – thanks to everyone for wonderful singing and generous gifts to Doorway. A letter will be coming to the school.  ***Operation Shoebox*** – concerns had been expressed about Samaritans Purse. Katherine had sent a list of alternative charities for Karen and James to consider. **Decision needs to be made before the end of this term, so pupils can use half term to gather items.** Happy to advertise in the village magazine to involve the village.  ***Global Neighbours award*** – this will be a new focus to encourage a global perspective for the curriculum and supports Courageous Advocacy. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/get-involved/global-neighbours-accreditation-handbook>  Everyone agreed to have a look through the handbook. Once the school has registered, we can support and attend the training to help carry out the audit. | **JO/KW**  **ALL** |
| **Upcoming Events** | * Remembrance – 10th November in school with RP. * Christmas – 20th December 9.15am. School to take the lead. Rev Suzanne will top and tail. * Christingle for Candlemas – Friday 2nd February. AM making Christingles in school. 2.15pm service in church. Gathering oranges for marmalade again * Lord’s Prayer Experience – Friday 12th January KS1 and KS2. |  |
| **Church/School links** | The church will provide an Advent wreath – Karen has candles and baubles. Hercules are looking to make an outdoor on for Field and Forest.  Hercules – Katherine is going in for values story telling each term. T2 – Tuesday 21st November.  Mission Area - Jessy and Josh will come in to lead CW.  Godly Play is not carrying on this year with Becky Fisher.  1st December – Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter’s. The school will look at creating some – possibly one per class.  Huw is entering his 4th year as a foundation governor, so we need to start succession planning (both school and St Peter’s) | **JO/KW**  **KW/Church** |
| **SIAMS** | Areas for development:   * Ensure that monitoring, carried out by all leaders, consistently reflects on the impact of the school’s vision so that it drives development as a Church school. (*Governors and senior staff*) * Embed the language of spirituality across the school so that pupils and adults can see spirituality pervades all areas of school life. (*Worship Council and staff team*) * Extend the opportunities for pupils to develop an understanding of Christianity as a global religion so that they might deepen their knowledge and appreciation of diversity in religious and non-religious world views. (*Global Neighbours*) | **KW/RP**  **JO/KB**  **KW/JO** |
| **Worship Council/Pupil Voice** | **Worship Council *–*** meeting 8th October (minutes have been shared). Katherine to provide badges, school to provide notebooks.  Possible projects for the year ahead: choosing songs linked to values, leading CW, helping with LP Experience, looking after Outdoor Reflection Area, celebrating 10 years of Worship Councils at LF, pupil understanding of spirituality. Next meeting: 22nd November. |  |
| **RE** | **Curriculum support** – James to remind class teachers that visits to the church on different talks are offered and coming in to speak to classes too *(done*)  **Monitoring** – Richard will commence in T2 once everyone has settled into the new school year.  **WIRE award**:   * Visit a place of worship (not Christian) * Attending RE training/CPD * School based event e.g., Interfaith Week (12 – 19 November 2023), Spirited Arts Competition (Summer 2024)   A representative from the Islamic faith has been in to speak to each class. Tom suggested a Sikh contact. Richard suggested possibilities through Buckley Barracks. | **JO**  **RP**  **KW/JO** |
| **Courageous Advocacy/ supporting charities** | Huw noted that we had previously agreed to have a balance in supporting local, national and international charities.  T1 – Doorway (local) World Mental Health Day  T2 – Royal British Legion (National) Christmas project?  T3 – Childrens Society for Christingle (National & International)  School deciding about Children in Need or Red Nose Day.  The Global Neighbours Scheme will support the Courageous Advocacy aims. |  |
| **Date of next meeting** | 1pm, Thursday 1st February 2024 |  |