**Christian Distinctiveness Meeting, 1st February 2024**

**Attending:** Karen Winterburn (Headteacher)

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

Tom Stables (Foundation Governor),

Apologies: James Osler (head of School), 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**  **2nd October 2023** | ***Operation Shoebox*** – the school did not support this project. T2 – Royal British Legion. T3 – Childrens Society.  ***Global Neighbours award*** – audit to be completed. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/get-involved/global-neighbours-accreditation-handbook>  ***Lord’s Prayer Experience*** – enjoyed by KS1 and 2. Katherine will facilitate a reflection with the Worship Council. Katherine led a story version for Hercules..  ***Succession planning for Huw*** – suggested names to pursue for Foundation governor role. Raised at PCC.  ***Charity for T4*** – understanding financial pressures on families, there will be no fund raising for a charity in T4. The school was able to offer a bursary for the Young Voices visit this term. Invited to make a further application to the Scarecrow Committee for funding. This term there is a village wide quiz to support First Access to violins. | **KW/JO**  **KB**  **TS/RP/**  **KW**  **School** |
| **Upcoming Events**  **T3 and T4** | ***Christingle*** – Hercules are doing Stay & Make tomorrow morning; 10.45 – 12 volunteers coming in to help make Christingles with older pupils. Service at 2.15pm in church with a speaker from the Childrens Society. Collecting oranges for marmalade and encouraging families to recycle candles at St Peter’s, as part of their Eco Church commitment.  ***Easter*** – service 9.15 Thursday 28th March in church. Katherine leading and will send resources to help the school prepare.  ***Lent resources –*** Katherine shared an overview for T4, ‘Journeying towards Easter’ exploring how different countries and different Christian denominations celebrate Easter. | **KB** |
| **Church/School links** | Richard gave feedback from the recent Church School Network meeting:   * Revamped Church School Partnership Award * The WIRE award * Updated SIAMS framework   Bristol Diocese has revamped the partnership award – lasts for 3 years, awarded at Bronze, Silver or Gold level (not yet updated on the diocesan website) under 4 strands:   * Enhancing prayer & worship * Deepening relationships * Serving the community * Sharing resources   Langley Fitzurse received the award in 2020 during COVID, so we can revisit this later in the academic year. |  |
| **Worship Council/Pupil Voice** | **Worship Council *–*** ran the Advent trail along with the Y6’s for Hercules class in December in church. This was well received.  Next meeting - 5th Feb, followed by leading CW on 8th Feb to introduce the Lent resources.  Katherine will facilitate a reflection on the Lord’s Prayer Experience to contribute to the WIRE award application. | **KB** |
| **RE** | Richard and James had reviewed RE last term and reported to TLD. There will be another review later in the academic year.  WIRE award - evidence to include The Lord’s Prayer Experience, the multi faith RE day earlier this term. Plans to visit the Gurkha Temple at Buckley are in the pipeline. |  |
| **SIAMS** | Katherine gave a Grove booklet eD55 on the new framework. There are changes, and work will be required on the theological rooting of the vision, but no urgency. |  |
| **Any Other Business** | Karen gave a staff update. |  |
| **Date of next meeting** | 1pm, Wednesday 1st May, 2024 |  |