## Christian Distinctiveness Meeting, 1st May 2024

Attending: Karen Winterburn, James Osler, Rev Richard Priest, Katherine Bloomer

Apologies: Tom Stables

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

RP opened in prayer.

Minutes from 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	New Foundation governor – Richard advised that Edward Buchan is being proposed. Richard is embarking on his 4 <sup>th</sup> year – the meeting was delighted that he is willing to consider another term.  10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration –a letter of thanks from Bishop Neil who was greatly encouraged by his visit. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success.  Oftsed – Inspection at the end of last term. Graded: Good. Staff are to be congratulated.  Lord's Prayer Cross – a gift from Draycot Churches is	
	being made stable and will then be used in school.	
Upcoming Events T1 and T2	<b>Back to School Service &amp; BBQ</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> September. A great turnout from new families and old. Thanks to everyone who made it happen.	
	Harvest – 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2.15pm led by Rev Suzanne. Katherine has sent the outline which the school is working on. Gifts to Doorway – Katherine will arrange delivery.	
	<b>Remembrance</b> – Richard happy to come and lead a short service on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November, 10.45am. Pupils are making a poppy display out of plastic water bottles – suggested they might make one for church as well. Richard to discuss with PCC on 21/9 and let the school know.	RP
	Christmas – TBC Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December, 9.15am school taking the lead.	КВ
	Christmas Tree Festival – School asked that if this is going ahead this year, that staff are given good notice and direction. Richard to take to PCC and let school know.	RP
	Christingle – TBC service in church Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9.15am. Christingles to be made in class the day before – parents and PTA will be asked to help. Katherine writing a Christingle Experience – school would be interested in this	JO/KW
	w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan, Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> or Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> . Katherine to confirm.	КВ
	School to send Katherine the newsletter on a regular basis.	JO/KW

Church/School links	<b>Prayer resources</b> - Katherine had provided 2 sets of resources linked with Friendship for reflection tables and would appreciate feedback. She will try and provide at least one activity each term to support the value.	JO/KB
	Advent resources – Katherine had sent a proposal for a daily reflective activity/prayer to create a Jesse Tree. JO to look at the resource and let Katherine know if the school would like to use this.	JO
	Values storytelling – booked with Hercules for 1st October, 2.30pm.	
	Church school partnership award – Katherine has revisited the application and updated content. Richard to take to PCC for input. JO and KW to discuss with staff team. Feedback to Katherine.	RP JO/KW
Collective Worship	<b>Termly resources</b> – KW and JO thanked Katherine for the values resources for this term. Katherine welcomed feedback from staff.	KW/JO
	To support staff this year, changes have been made:	
	Monday – Singing with JO Tuesday – whole school with KW, Christian value Wednesday – Values with Johanna Thursday – Picture News Friday – Celebration	
	Katherine expressed her appreciation of staff remaining in CW.	
	<b>Evaluation</b> – evaluation sheets are being completed, but it would be helpful to review the contents with Worship Council to increase the usefulness of the feedback.	Worship Council
Worship Council/Pupil Voice	Worship Council – first meeting booked for 17 <sup>th</sup> October, 2.15pm. KW or JO will also attend to support. Happy to look at ideas to support the school: work on a simple understanding of spirituality with pupils. Take the lead of the Agents of Change project (see below)	
RE	WIRE award – JO to focus for this new academic year.	JO
	<b>Church visits</b> – Katherine asked for teachers to book visits in good time as appropriate to the curriculum.	Staff
	Jesus Out of the Box – a new resource from Bristol Schools Connection, appropriate for Y5 and Y6, exploring Jesus' life between Christmas and Easter. It would support the RE curriculum: learning from the life & teaching of Jesus; moral messages found in stories; how we might live & who inspires us. Katherine happy to run it for a morning – JO to look at the plan of work and see where this would enhance learning.	JO/KB

SIAMS	Areas for development from the SIAMS June 2023:	
	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	RP and governors
	The Federation Board are aware of this recommendation.	
	Embed the language of spirituality across the school so that pupils and adults can see spirituality pervades all areas of school life.	
	The images of window, mirror, door, candle are being used for the medium-term planning. Worship Council to work on developing whole school understanding.	Worship Council
	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 worldviews	
	Katherine had sent out a short list of ideas for the school to consider. They are using Picture News each week which provides news stories, pictures and questions for pupils to learn from the world around them. Draycot Churches gifted the books The Lord's Prayer by Tim Ladwig and Little Glow by Katie Sohota, and Katherine will send resources to use with the latter.	КВ
Courageous Advocacy	Katherine had sent out a paper on CA and draft application form for Agents of Change. This will come to Worship Council and we will roll it out during the year.	Worship Council
Any Other Business	KW gave an update on staff news: AF and HR have resigned because of health issues. LH will be going on maternity leave end Nov/Dec. Jake Miles currently covering Chameleon and Clare Sutton in Hercules.	
Date of next meeting	1.30pm, Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	