**Langley Fitzurse Worship Council – 26th November 2024**

Members: William (Y6), Grace (Y6), Anya (Y5), Holly (Y5), Caspar (Y4), Amelie (Y 3),

Millie (Y3)

 Mrs Winterburn

Apologies: Elijah

Actions from 17th October 2024:

***Feedback – Pupil Voice –*** Grace and William to make time to look through the evaluation

Sheets – are there a variety of comments? More than one word answers? Is collective Worship having an impact – changing what people think, or do?

**ACTION:** Grace and William to look through the evaluation record and feedback to the next Worship Council meeting.

***Minutes -*** Ms Cox asked to provide copies for Chameleon and Phoenix classes.

***Improving Collective Worship*** - Pupils to ask classmates for ideas on how to improve CW –

with their teacher’s permission.

**Christmas Trees**

St Peter’s Church is holding its Christmas Tree Festival again – opening on 6th December at 6pm. We have been asked to make the school contribution. We spent time decorating pinecone trees with the colours linked to the school values. Mrs Bloomer will add a brief explanation for visitors.

**Pupil Involvement in Collective Worship**

We talked about the shape of worship – Gathering, Engaging, Responding, Sending – and

how pupils can be more involved:

***Gathering*** – we start each worship by lighting a candle and sharing the words:

*We have gathered together in the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, to worship together and think about [VALUE]*

Pupils can be involved with this when invited by the person leading CW.

***Engaging*** – how will we engage with the theme, exploring the Bible and listening for God’s message to us. Bible stories, stories of Jesus, stories about God’s people in history and today. Christian response to a topical issue. Visitors. Storytelling, drama, dance, mime, music, images, songs, videos, interviews.

* Listen to and learn new songs
* More acting and pupil reading
* A trip outside Langley, litter picking

***Responding*** – how will we respond to what we have heard & seen? Individually and together. An opportunity to worship God. Thinking, reflecting, singing, praying, a practical response.

* Singing songs. Can we link to our values more?
* Learn The Lord’s Prayer in sign language – ask Ms Tomlinson
* Pupils read separate/little prayers more in services at St Peter’s
* More ‘I say, You say’ responsive prayers

***Sending*** *–* we end each worship with these words:

*We go in peace, We go in joy, We go in love, Showing [VALUE] to one another*

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**Christmas Trail for Hercules**

The Worship Council wanted to create and run a trail for Hercules to explore the Christmas story. We have been invited to run this in church on a Tuesday afternoon (in school time, provisionally 17th December). Members shared ideas on how to make a fun trail, that helps tell the Christmas story:

* Games
* Treasure hunt, collect letters, pictures
* Punchy, snappy story telling
* A tick sheet/map/I Spy?
* Telling the story in stages
* Finding a word – nativity, Jesus, star?
* Importance of working together as a group
* Snacks/prizes

There are 16 pupils, so 4 x 4 small groups, with Worship Council members as guides.

Mrs Bloomer will gather and shape the ideas, arrange a date with the class teacher, and send to members so the know what we will be doing.

**ACTION:** Mrs Bloomer to agree a date and send the draft trail to the group.

**Priorities for the year ahead**

1. Leading collective worship – T3.
2. What does spirituality mean to us? Finding ways to talk about spiritual growth
3. Agents for change – how can we make a difference in our world?

**Date of Next Meeting in Term 3: Mrs Bloomer to agree with school**

* **Plan and lead CW**