



## **Minutes of Faith Team Meeting**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 2.1.30 – 2.30 pm**

**Present: Mrs Brooks. Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 Faith Team.**

**Apologies: Max Year 2**

Mrs Brooks thanked the Faith Team for coming. Lily-Rose led the Faith Team in prayer.

### **Item 1: Prayer Board**

We looked at the prayer board. Thank you to Elodie and Lily-Rose (Year 6 Faith Team) who are keeping on top of the prayer board and changing it weekly. Our current prayer focus is on global events. Darcie (Year 5) has volunteered to deliver the global prayer focus to the teachers each week on a Wednesday. The Faith Team children will remind their class to write prayers every week based on the prayer focus. We agreed that Thursday during Phase Collective Worship was a good time to write prayers. Lily-Rose and Elodie in Year 6 will collect the prayers during phase Collective Worship each week. These prayers will be put in the post box, then once sorted will be displayed on the prayer board and also in the prayer book.

### **Item 2: Collective Worship Monitoring**

The next collective Worship monitoring is on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Revd Len will be leading the worship. We talked about the aspects of CW they would be focussing on and what they needed to look out for.

- Who led today's Collective Worship?
- What happened in today's Collective Worship?
- What was the message?
- What Anglican traditions did you observe?
- Did you sing? If so, what did you sing?
- Do you think all children were engaged in today's Collective Worship?
- Why do you think this?
- What do you enjoy the most about Collective Worship?

We talked about how to recognise if children were engaged with Collective Worship. Mrs Brooks presented Faith Team with a new monitoring sheet, which provided the children with ideas about what to include in each section of the monitoring. Revd Len had also asked for some additional questions to be included such as what they remembered about his previous collective worships.

### **Item 3: KS1 Faith Team meeting with St. Peter's C of E Infant School**

Harry and Evie from Year 1 told the Faith Team about their virtual meeting with the Faith Team from St. Peter's Infant School. The children got to meet each other over Zoom and talk about worship in their respective schools. Harry and Evie told the Faith Team they were excited to visit St. Peter's in

January. KS2 Faith Team said they would be keen to do a Faith Team visit to another local church school too.

#### **Item 4: Faith Team Collective Worship**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. This term's focus is on Bible stories. We are going to do a Collective Worship on Jonah and the Whale with the focus on saying sorry. The children spent time running through and practising the Collective Worship.

#### **Item 5: Carol Service**

Faith team will be reading the prayers at the Carol Service on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

We talked through the running order of the service and practised reading the prayers. The children have taken the prayers away to learn. Mrs Brooks asked Faith Team to remind their teachers to let them practise in front of the class.

#### **Item 6: Love Projects**

The Love Project for Autumn 2 is Operation Christmas Child. Mrs Brooks asked for feedback on this Love Project. Was it a success? Should we do it again? Is it better to have individual shoe boxes or class shoe boxes? Please find the feedback below:

Year 6:

*"My mum thought it was much better this year as we only had to source a few items, not a whole shoebox."*

*"The items we collected were much better quality and the boxes were full."*

Year 5:

*"In Year 5 it wasn't a success as we only had two shoeboxes."*

Year 4:

*"We had six shoeboxes and Betsie-Bea also did her own shoebox."*

*"It was much better than last year."*

Year 3:

*"Last year we only had one shoebox, this year when we all worked together we got three."*

Year 2

*"We got lots of boxes and lots of children also made their own."*

Next Year the Faith Team would like to continue to have class shoeboxes to fill, but they would also like the opportunity to make their own if they wanted. They thought it was a good idea to recycle old items from home that they didn't want anymore too, as long as they were clean and useable. They also noticed that there were more gifts for girls than for boys and next year they need to encourage children to bring in more items that boys would appreciate.

#### **Item 7: Pop-Up Prayer Space and spontaneous prayer**

The Faith Team said they really enjoyed the 'Pop-Up Prayer Space' which was held last year and would really like to run another one. The children would also like to set up a prayer space once a

week in the playground for children to have a quiet space to reflect. Lily-Rose said that Mrs Cox has a locked prayer box in her classroom and wondered if this could be used for the outside prayer space.

**ACTIONS:**

- To practise reading the prayers for the Carol Service on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- To practise for the Faith Team Collective Worship
- Lily-Rose and Elodie to continue to collect class prayers and to monitor the prayer board.
- Darcie to deliver the weekly prayer focus to each class on a Wednesday
- To organise a pop-up prayer space
- To organise a quiet space in the playground for children to write prayers.