



Minutes of Faith Team Meeting

Friday 20th January 2023 1.30 – 2.30 pm

Present: Year 6, Year 5, Year 4 (1), Year 3, Year 2, Year 1

Apologies: Walter Year 4

Mrs Brooks thanked the Faith Team for coming. Elodie and Max led the Faith Team in prayer.

Item 1: Prayer Board

Mrs Brooks thanked Elodie and Lily-Rose for their diligence in collecting the prayers every week. Every Thursday Elodie and Lily-Rose collect the new prayers from each classroom. They deliver the prayer focus for the week for the teachers to display in their classrooms. Elodie and Lily Rose also check the prayer post box. All the new prayers are pinned onto the prayer board and the old ones are stuck into the prayer books on the worship table. Elodie and Lily-Rose asked if all members of the Faith Team would be pro-active in reminding children in their class to write prayers. Thursdays, during phase Collective Worship, would be an ideal time to do this.

Item 2: Collective Worship Monitoring

The next collective Worship monitoring is on Tuesday 7th February. 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. As members of the Faith Team, we also talked about how we could set a good example during Collective Worship and remind others that there are points in Collective Worship which require stillness and reflection.

Item 3: KS1 Faith Team visit to St. Peter's C of E Infant School: Feedback

KS1 Faith Team spent the day at St. Peter's C of E Infant School along with Limpsfield Chart Infant School on Wednesday 18th January. The children spoke to the rest of the Faith Team about their experience. First of all they had a tour of the school and were given clipboards and paper to draw any clues they could find which showed St. Peter's Christian distinctiveness. They then did an activity which involved looking at their reflection in a mirror, drawing what they could see and then drawing

their partner. They then talked about the similarities and differences between themselves. In the afternoon they made a pot of flowers by drawing around their hands to make the flower and writing what makes them special and unique on each flower. Each school took a pot of flowers home and they are now on display on the Faith Team board.

St. Peter's C of E Infant School and Limpsfield Chart C of E Infant School will be visiting us on Wednesday 15th March. We discussed what we could do. The children were very keen to do activities based on the Easter Story and suggested making Easter Gardens together. They also wanted to show the children Trinity Farm and the Wildlife area. Mrs Brooks said she would make an agenda and present it to Faith Team during the next meeting.

Item 4: Faith Team Collective Worship

Faith Team Collective Worship will be on Wednesday 29th March. Traditionally, Faith Team do a presentation of the Stations of the Cross. Faith Team said they would like to do this again and Elodie would like to take the role of Jesus. We watched a short clip explaining the 12 stations of the cross together and talked about the significance of each one.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUUnW3S6G0w>

Item 5: Easter Service

The Easter Service will be on Friday the 31st March and this time it will be back at Christ Church. The children gave suggestions of hymns and worship songs they would like to sing:

- This little light of mine
- My Lighthouse
- Ten thousand reasons
- 1,2,3 Jesus is Alive

Item 6: Love Projects

Faith Team visited each class and counted up the tins collected so far. The total is as follows:

- Reception: 31
- Year 1: 11
- Year 2: 21
- Year 3: 15
- Year 4: 33
- Year 5: 28
- Year 6: 12

We talked about giving an update during Friday Collective Worship about how many tins each class had collected in order to promote the cause further.

The Love Project for Spring 2 is the Lent Appeal. The focus of the Lent Appeal this year is supporting those who are struggling with their mental health. We thought of ways in which we could raise money and the children liked the idea of a sponsored sporting event, as being outside and doing exercise is good for your mental health. We thought each child could choose a sport they were

interested and create a 'a-thon' for example a walk-a-thon, a bike-a-thon, a swim-a-thon or even a rollerskate-a-thon to raise money.

Item 7: Pop-Up Prayer Space and spontaneous prayer

Faith Team are very keen to set up prayer stations in each class. Elodie suggested that we could have a 'grateful' prayer box in each classroom, to say thank you to God for all the gifts he has given us.

Faith Team would also like to do a pop-up prayer space in the library. Mrs Brooks suggested the theme could be on the resurrection, focusing on hope. Children would be given some scratch card, they could then scratch away the black top layer to reveal the beautiful colours underneath by writing a message of hope or drawing a picture.

Mrs Brooks thought Wednesday 22nd March could be a possibility and she would check with Miss Woods.

ACTIONS:

- 1: Year 6 Faith Team to continue to collect the prayers on a Thursday, update the prayer board and stick prayers into the prayer books.
2. Faith Team monitoring: Tuesday 7th February
3. Continue to promote this term's Love Project 'Tin a Week' and announce class totals in Collective Worship.
4. To organise a 'Pop-Up Prayer' station in the library on Wednesday 22nd March.
5. Mrs Brooks to organise activities for the KS1 Faith Team visit on Wednesday 15th March.