



Minutes of Faith Team Meeting: Wednesday 22nd November

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

Apologies: Luke: Year 3, Shelbie: Year 1

Mrs Brooks thanked the Faith Team for coming and lead the group in an opening prayer.

Item 1: Prayer Board

We talked about how we could improve prayer throughout the school. Presently, Faith Team agreed that prayers were not being written regularly and the prayer post box in the corridor was not being used anymore. We came up with a strategy to ensure that opportunities for prayer were available to all.

- 1: Year 5 Faith Team would come to the EYFS classroom on a Thursday at 9.00 am to collect the prayer foci for the week and then deliver this to each class, where it could be presented during phase CW. Opportunities would then be made during phase CW for children to write prayers. Mrs Brooks will provide each class with a prayer writing kit containing inviting pens and paper.
2. During Phase CW on a Thursday, Year 5 Faith Team would collect up the prayers and deliver them to Mrs Brooks. Mrs Brooks is currently working on creating a new prayer book for the worship table.
3. In Spring 1, Faith Team would like to run an outside prayer space on a Thursday lunchtime in the quiet area. Mrs Brooks suggested that each group a different year group runs the prayer space. Year 1 and Year 2 could join Year 5 and Year 6.

Item 2: Reflection and Worship Table

Faith Team visited each classroom to check whether the candles were working. Years 5, 3, 2 and 1 all needed new candles, which Mrs Brooks will replace.

Year 4 Faith Team will be in charge of ensuring that the worship table in the hall is displaying the correct liturgical colour. They will be given the CW rota, which contains the liturgical colour for each day, for their reference.

Item 3: Collective Worship Monitoring Feedback

KS2 Faith Team were very positive about monitoring Father Paul's CW last week. They said that they always enjoyed worship with Father Paul as it was often interesting, funny and engaging. All children could tell me the message of Father Paul's CW and they all identified the Anglican traditions which ran throughout the worship. KS1 have said they would like to be involved in monitoring too, so we thought they could sit with Year 5 and Year 6 who could support them.

Item 4: Remembrance Service

Mrs Brooks thanked Year 6 Faith Team (Bonnie and Evie) and Year 5 Faith Team (Grace and Delphine) for reading at the Remembrance Service on Friday 10th November.

Item 5: Christmas Service

The Christmas Service will take place on Thursday 14th December. Faith Team will be reading from the Bible and leading pray. The readings are as follows:

- Reading 1: Angel Gabriel visits Mary (Year 3 Faith Team) Luke 1:26-33
- Reading 2: The Birth of Jesus Christ (Year 4 Faith Team) Luke 2:1-7
- Reading 3: Some Shepherds Hear About Jesus (Year 5 Faith Team) Luke 2:8-15
- Reading 4: Some Kings follow a new star to Jesus (*Year 6 Faith Team*)m Matthew 2: 1-12
- Prayers: Faith Team Year 1 and Year 2

We spent some time practising the readings and concentrating on the pronunciation of some of the more challenging words in the biblical passages.

Item 6: Love Projects

Mrs Brooks thanked the Faith Team for their work in promoting 'Operation Christmas Child.' We had over 30 boxes which went to Christ Church. Year 6 Faith Team told the group how they made a list of all the items that needed to be collected and asked children in their class to sign up for an item. We all really liked this idea. The children thought they would like to do something different next year and one of the suggestions was helping people in our own community, who struggle at Christmas time. Harrison's sister is involved with 'Stripy Stork' and he thought this might be a good idea for next year.

Next term's Love Projects is: Love Works (Pupils' Parliament will be overseeing). Mrs Brooks has contacted Graham Humphries to talk to the children again about the work of 'Love Works'.

ACTIONS:

- To practise readings and prayers for the Christmas Service on the 14th December. We will be meeting to practise the reading in the week leading up to the Service
- Year 5 to collect the prayer stimulus from Mrs Brooks on a Thursday and deliver this to all classes.
- Mrs Brooks to buy some special paper and pens for prayer writing.
- Set up a weekly prayer space in the playground after Christmas.