

## Minutes of worship leaders meeting – 10/01/23

Present: All worship leaders, Mrs Turner, Rev Chris, Mrs Butler

We held this meeting in the SRP with the new prayer rugs, juice and biscuits to help our thinking!

### Agenda:

#### **1. Food Banks**

- Based on the feedback from a Year 4 worship session that I observed, where children were concerned that Harvest shouldn't just be one day but that children were clearly concerned about families who are in need all the time. We have discussed:
- Creating a St Nicholas Community Cupboard – we need to source a large bin or crate where donations can be collected all year. Worship leaders would be responsible for checking dates and running an emergency collection point.
- Mrs Butler spoke about the 'Neighbourly' scheme where Sainsbury's will contact us when they have items nearing their 'best before' date which we will collect and then distribute
- Mrs Butler to get Yr 5 and 6 worship leaders to write letters to pharmacies and the power station for toiletries so we can have a 'Hygiene Bank' as well as food bank.
- Rev Chris to contact the Hygiene Bank in New Romney for advice / support
- Children to write to the mayor to explain what we are doing and request funding / support

#### **2. Worship areas**

- It was agreed the outside worship area needs some developing. Children would like plants to make it more secluded and private for quiet prayer. We thought about easy to manage plants – bamboo (in big pots because it's difficult to kill), lavender and rosemary because they look nice and smell great. Mrs Turner to speak to Mr Dale about using some of the money we have fundraised for in the past.
- Children liked the idea of wind chimes too.
- We discussed developing the area outside Year 6 as a worship area for the summer. Mrs Turner will ask Mr Leech to find a big cross and put it up in between the raised flower beds
- Children would like blackboards like in the other garden to write up readings and prayers – VT to look into
- Children would like a solar powered water feature – VT to look into
- Year 6 mentioned making a mosaic, maybe after SATS

#### **3. Fundraising**

- We discussed the fact that during Lent we will raise money for Christian based charities but we did talk about the fact that we didn't want to put too much pressure on parents because lots of our families are struggling at the moment
- Worship leaders are going to speak to their classes and think about some of the charities we could raise money for: we talked about OXFAM, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Children's Society, Operation Noah, Tearfund, Sponsoring a toilet overseas, raising money for the

gardens. There are lots more to find out about. We will make a decision at the next meeting – maybe each class doing a small presentation??

- We still wanted to do the Easter Egg Raffle, 10p coin race and the Easter breakfast – children to think about any other ideas

**4. Reflect on how delivering worship is going:**

- Children all talked really positively about worship in their classes and what was going really well to Reverend Chris
- Year4 leaders asked if they could sometimes join with the other Year 4 class and have worship together and lead together – **Of course, do worship how it works best for you!**
- Worship leaders were asked to remind their teachers to hand in the weekly reflections to Mrs Turner

**5. Spirituality:**

- The children were asked about spirituality and how this is developing in their classrooms
- They were all able to talk about Mirrors, Windows and Doors confidently.
- Some leaders expressed a wish for more time to just reflect and ‘be’ because their school days are busy and they sometimes just need time to think and appreciate the world and people around them

**6. AOB:**

Rev Chris closed our meeting with a prayer and a blessing

We will have another meeting the first week back after half term