

## **Minutes from Ethos Group Meeting**

**15.9.16**

***Present:*** EN, MS, SS, AG, PM, SJ

- Father Peter opened the meeting with a prayer.
- Emily welcomed everybody and thanked them for coming.
- There were no apologies.

### **Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

N/A

### **Values**

- All are happy with the new mission statement. This now needs to be shared with and discussed with the children. EN to ensure that staff do this. Governors will hopefully approve this new missions statement at their next full committee meeting.
- SJ explained that we need to work on ensuring that our values are not 'lost' in the hustle and bustle of school life.
- To measure impact, the worship leaders will do a learning walk half termly to ensure that reflection areas contain what they need.

### **Worship**

- SJ and EN explained about the 'Roots and Fruits' collective worship resources and also about the worship awards. EN said that the worship leaders will work towards these awards in their sessions with her.
- To measure impact, the pupils and members of the ethos group will observe worship and also interview pupils about how assembly has affected/impacted on them, both in school and at home.

### **Parents**

- MS requested that parents are reminded about Eucharist earlier – SJ said she will do this.
- Fr Peter suggested a prayer meeting at lunchtime for parents and staff. SS thought that this was a good idea.
- Fr Peter is going to add a section in the monthly school newsletter – support with identifying an area for prayer.
- After next week's Eucharist, splitting the service and doing two – one for EYFS and KS1 and one for KS2 will be trialled.
- SS suggested parents may feel comfortable if they could take Holy Communion at the back of the hall instead of having to walk to the front. This idea was approved and agreed to be trialled next week.
- Fr Pater suggested leading some sessions with the children to teach them about Holy Communion. It was agreed that this is a good idea.

### **Christian Distinctiveness**

- The worship leaders will consider how we can ensure that all in the school community use the spirituality trail and they will remind teachers not to forget about things such as reflection areas, reflection books, reflection time and the spirituality trail. EN will make sure that these things are on the worship leaders' action plan.

### **A.O.B**

#### **Role of this committee**

- EN will circulate a suggested terms of reference for the committee. Committee members will review this prior to the next meeting when a final version will be agreed.
- In the future, non-members may be invited to some meetings to get their perspective – initially children.
- Worship leaders will meet fortnightly with EN to address issues on their action plan and to work towards the worship awards.
- It was agreed that one committee member will attend the half-termly learning walk with the worship leaders each time and then they will feedback to the full committee.
- This committee will meet half-termly.

#### **ACTION**

- Circulate suggested terms of reference for the committee prior to the next meeting (EN)
- Share mission statement with children and governors (EN)
- Organise a half-termly learning walk with worship leaders (EN)
- Ensure parents are given plenty of notice for Eucharist (SJ)
- Talk to pupils half termly about how assembly, reflection areas and the spirituality trail are impacting on them both in school and at home (EN)
- Set up a lunchtime prayer meeting for staff and parents (PM)
- Create a model for spilt age Eucharist to trial (SJ/PM)

#### **Discussion points for next meeting**

- Organise sessions to teach pupils about Holy Communion (EN/PM)
- Organise opportunities for pupils and staff to observe collective worship (EN)
- SS to set up a lunchtime club

***Date of next meeting:*** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm