

Chaplaincy Team Meeting – 6th June 2019

Present – Andrea Rewcroft, Katie Selby, Paul Griffin, Katherine Griffin, Mark Taylor

Apologies – Meg Baines, Didi Andrico, Alan Edwards

Held in prayer – Sara Rutter, Mark Fitzpatrick

End of term arrangements.

KG suggested Mass as fitting end to the year. This was agreed. KG to approach Fr Eddie.

Catholic Life – Summer Term

- KG gave update on Catholic Life this half term. Entrance hall looks fantastic (Lourdes display in the pipeline).
- FIAT have won two grants and now have a lot of money for various projects. The issue is time – KG feels limited on the time necessary. Second member of staff needed and Sara may come back on phased return. KG to email staff and see if anyone else wants to be involved.
- Catholic Life Team have not met for a few weeks now – KG willing to give up lunchtime but struggles to plan activities for them. PG suggested that they have a role in planning the end of term masses and then they feel they have done something this half term.
- The visit of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal was very successful, they have been invited next year verbally and KG will confirm a date with them. The Sisters suggested an event called Light Fever – exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a classroom, worship music playing, pupils come and light a candle.
- KG has invited John Pridmore and Guvna B next year but no response yet!
- 40 Year 8 pupils are booked onto Savio House – very promising. Savio House are holding a place for us at the same time next year.

Prayer Room and Stations

SR has met with KG to discuss ideas for the prayer room and how it needs to be redecorated. KG has met with Dennis to discuss, only need to decide colour for three walls. One wall to be painted with black chalk paint so that pupils can write prayers.

KG met with Sarah Adams and SR to discuss Stations – these will be outdoors on buildings. Sarah to think of some ideas.

Mission Statement

- Current mission statement not well known enough in the school, is also too long.
- Agreed that Mission Statement has to incorporate the motto.
- Looked at examples from St Peter's and Mount St Mary's
- Like the format of simple statements describing what we do. Suggestions included: Love God, Serve each other, serve the community, love of learning, Following Christ developing the whole person, building responsible citizens, growing the Church.
- It was agreed that five statements would be the max, ideally only four.
- These could be put in the entrance hall, at the ends of emails, be the starter slide on powerpoints.

- Would need to be displayed in classrooms – KS pointed out that cream paper, one font and one colour only is better for pupils with dyslexia.
- It was agreed that the stages of writing should be: discussion today, discussion with Sara, collect staff suggestions for statement at the CPD on 17th June, meet with Sara again and discuss proposals to put to the pupils, meet with FIAT and Catholic Life Team, create some kind of choice for the full cohort of pupils.

CPD 17th June

- To be on Catholic Ethos. Led by KG. AR suggested staff fill in post it notes with ideas for the mission statement. KG to present ideas on how to lead form prayer – what the prayers should be and could be.
- Main focus has to be on how to make form prayers into an act of collective worship once a week. Not too long – about 4 minutes, age appropriate. Should be an opportunity to introduce pupils to a variety of styles of prayer; formal, kinaesthetic, reflective, music, scripture.
- It was agreed that this is needed in school and that form tutors need support in delivering it but also that they need to feel involved in creating it. Ideas given by the Team included – Rend Collective, Girl got Faith, Bear Grylls, Skit Guys, Casting Crowns, Steve Murray (Christian mime artist)