



Ethos Group – Minutes 17.10.23

Present: Mr Thomas, Sophie (gov), Oksana (parent), Ethan, Charlotte, Serge, Genevieve, Aria and Remy.

The meeting started by welcoming Sophie Joy as governor/parent representative of the group. Two new children were also welcomed to the group from year 4 – Aria and Remy. Thanks to these three new additions.

Mr Thomas reminded the group of the aims of the group (which was shared from the 'Ethos Group Principles' and a copy given to Mrs Joy).

Following on from last term, Mr Thomas shared some images of prayer/reflection spaces in classroom to prompt ideas. The children will ask the teachers of each class to ensure that there is a prayer/reflection space in each classroom. This could be designed with the children in the class and will give opportunities for children and staff to reflect and/or prayer. Prayer is always by invitation and never compulsory.

The group shared the following ideas and suggestions that could feature in a class prayer/reflection space:

- Ambient lights/lava lamp
- Picture frames with prayer ideas
- Cushions/beanbags
- Bible/story bible
- A class prayer (collaboratively designed by the class)
- Craft ideas
- Candles (battery operated)
- Crosses
- Mirrors
- Gratitude jar
- Worry jar/monster
- Olive tree to represent peace
- Symbols of Christian faith
- A variety of options for children to choose from
- Artwork

- Envelopes on the wall with options to choose from
- Prayer book for prayers to be written in
- Prayer tree
- Prayer treasure hunt
- Sand tray prayers
- Bubbles to 'blow' prayers
- Compliment bucket

This is not an exhaustive list, but time was running away!

Mr Thomas reminded the group of the prayer spaces activities that we did for Easter 2022 and suggested that we do a similar thing for advent. The group agreed this would be a good idea and will form the basis of the next meeting.

Sophie and Oksana joined Mr Thomas and the children to see 'Open the Book' over in the church.

Meeting closed.