

School Council Meeting

Thursday 22nd January 2026

Agenda:

- Minutes of last meeting
- Matters Arising
- This term's Christian value
- Children's Mental Health Week
- World Book Day
- 150th Anniversary
- New Year's Resolution
- Courageous Advocacy
- Spirituality
- Mother's Day
- Safeguarding
- Wellbeing
- AOB
- Date and time of next meeting

Those present:

Johnny

Willow

Fred

Finn

Rex

Lyla

Rowan

Katherine

Chase

Lauren

Evie

Esme

Apologies - Edith

This Term's Christian Value

- All children knew that our Christian value for this half term is Love and could reflect on what has been discussed in worship so far this term.

Children's Mental Health Week

- Mrs Jones explained that Children's Mental Health Week is being held from 9-16th February. Mrs Jones to have a meeting with the wellbeing ambassadors next Wednesday (28/01/26) to discuss what activities they would like the school to engage with.

World Book Day

- World Book Day is 5th March this year. Mrs Jones asked the children for suggestions of how they would like to celebrate this. Suggestions included: creating bookmarks; writing short stories; having more unique characters; and making a display of reading glasses with one lens being a child's favourite book and the other their name.
- The children would like to dress up again and have biscuits, if Mrs Fenn can make these.

New Year's Resolution

- We looked at the ideas the children have written outside Mrs Jones' office for this year's whole school New Year's resolution. There are lots of suggestions for not giving up and persevering, although Katherine pointed out that this was a focus in 2024. Evie liked the suggestion of 'Less of the attitude and more gratitude'. Taking responsibility for our actions and possessions was also popular, as was encouraging people and not knocking them when they are feeling down. Mrs Jones to give these options in next week's Monday worship and the whole school, including adults, can vote for their favourite.

150th Anniversary

- Mrs Jones reminded the members it is the 150th anniversary of the school this year. She explained that there will be a celebration event this year and that the members would be key to planning this. Mrs Jones asked for suggestions of what the children would like to do. These included: dressing up like Victorians for the day, having a street party, Punch and Judy, maypole dancing. Mrs Jones explained what a time capsule and that we would like to create one for this event.

Courageous Advocacy

- Mrs Jones asked the members what 'courageous advocacy' is. Katherine said it was about doing things for other people. The members knew about the award. Chase said Jake received it last year for washing cars for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Evie said that Evie-Mai received it before, and

Katherine knew this was for climbing Ben Nevis for charity. Lyla said that William gave books to a school in Kenya and is on the courageous advocacy board in the hall.

- Mrs Jones explained that we do a lot in school when we see something is unjust e.g. raising money for Children in Need, the Children's Society, donating food to the foodbank etc. however this need to come more from the children and not be adult led. Mrs Jones asked the children for their ideas of what they could do to be courageous advocates, which included: litter picking, donating their toys to local hospitals, washing footballs, giving children the opportunity to bird watch in school if they do not have a garden etc. Fred wanted to do something for his Granny's care home. Katherine wanted to make paper cranes for people in hospital.
- Mrs Jones explained that rather than awarding the courageous advocacy award at the end of the year, we could do this more frequently in Celebration worship and children could receive the award and have their photos added to the board and newsletter.
- Katherine suggested donating last year's World Book Day costumes as these can be expensive for the parents to buy and some children might feel left out. Katherine and Evie to create a poster to advertise this.
- Mrs Jones will lead a worship next week about courageous advocacy.

Spirituality

- Discussion about spirituality.
- The children gave examples of ways they can be spiritual.
- We discussed the journey we are on with spirituality and the next steps to link spirituality into the curriculum.
- The children were keen to talk about the spiritual space which they really like, however there were some concerns about a bird's nest left there being broken. Some rules need to be established.
- The children knew the four symbols: self, others, beauty and beyond. Lauren knew there was a spiritual question on the blackboard each week. The children have seen the new spirituality poster. We went through this in the meeting.
- The children talked about the link between spirituality and looking after the guinea pigs, linked to Genesis.
- Katherine is very keen for children to send in pictures of spiritual moments they have outside of school. Mrs Jones to launch this in the next newsletter.

Mother's Day

- Mother's Day this year is 15th March. The children agreed they would like to continue to make the posies with the ladies from the church and they were happy for the flowers to come out of their funds.
- Katherine raised that it is unfair we do not always do something for Father's Day. Members agreed to go back to their classes and get some ideas about what we could do as a school.

Safeguarding

- Mrs Jones checked if all children had completed the safety survey from last term. Classes 3 and 4 confirmed they had. The children in Class 2 were not sure.

Wellbeing

- Mrs Jones asked if the Relaxation Reef box is going out daily. The members agreed it mostly was but not always. Esme, Evie and Aoife all agreed to take on this responsibility to make sure the box goes out at every break and lunchtime.

AOB

- Katherine raised that some children are not bringing in healthy snacks at breaktimes. The members discussed healthy snacks children could bring in. Their suggestions were: cheese, cucumber, carrots, fruit, cereal bars, and Dairylea Dunkers. They were concerned some children were starting to bring in crisps, chocolate and sweets. School council to create a poster their suggestions of what children should/should not bring in. Mrs Jones to put out a reminder in next week's newsletter.
- It was suggested that the children who take the guinea pigs home at weekend and in holiday periods share photos of them looking after the guinea pigs and these can be displayed. These can then be added to the spiritual area.
- Fred suggested that he would like more say in where we go on school trips. He thinks the class teachers should ask the classes for where they would like to visit to get their input.
- Football at breaks was discussed as a child in Class 4 had raised he thought the rota was unfair. Willow said that some children had been hit in the face with the ball. Chase said people run across the football pitch. It was agreed that there would be a rota for breaks, like there is at lunchtime. Class 4 will play football on one day and Classes 2/3 on the next day. We

will then continue to alternate the days. Basketball will be played on the other court. Mrs Jones to create a timetable.

Date and Time of next meeting: Thursday 5th March at 2pm in the library.