

SWOP GOVERNOR VISIT FORM

DATE OF VISIT: January 6th 1016

NAME OF GOVERNOR: Noreen de Bie

FOCUS FOR VISIT: **Gospel Tea with the prayer pilgrims**

We were invited to share 'Gospel Tea' with the children who became prayer pilgrims before Christmas; they will be representing their class at different school events along with leading prayer at mealtimes and hometime in the classroom. The children had an opportunity to discuss why they wanted to become prayer pilgrims and to identify what new ideas they had for the future of the school.

It was truly lovely to hear their individual comments such as 'I like RE lessons', 'I want to help year R understand about the school community', 'I like talking and praying' and 'I want to help others understand what praying is'.

They spoke about having a quiet area to go to pray, which will have a statue of Mary with flowers and seating around the statue so that the children, staff and parents can use it for some quiet time to pray and reflect.

The school is very involved with the Medway foodbank and children are encouraged to donate to this if they want to, the children are very aware of this charity.

Some of the children discussed having a school blog where they could share ideas such as recipes and even gave it a name 'The Gospel Hope'.

It was very inspiring listening to their hopes and dreams about how prayer can help to make a difference in our lives.

It was interesting to hear them chat about school trips to Rochester cathedral and

other places of worship so that they can learn about other faiths and discuss their rituals as well.

WELL DONE CHILDREN AND THANK YOU!

WHAT WILL YOU BE REPORTING BACK AT GOVERNOR'S MEETING:

The school has facilitated the presence of prayer pilgrims in the classrooms which I think will highlight the importance of praying together for those in need. It seems that the children are very aware of reflection, not only to pray but also to help promote good behaviour at all times within the school.

SIGNATURE (or name if on computer): Noreen de Bie

Date: January 14th 2016