

Dear friends

As I write this July is nearly upon us and end of term preparations are well underway. Traditionally a time of reviewing the year, reflecting on upon the highlights and noting what needs to be tweaked or written for next term. We would also celebrate and thank our wonderful team, especially our volunteers, who always give generously of their time and of themselves. This year is no exception. Thank you.

Meetings with RE Coordinators are going ahead, both in person and online, planning for next year. I am heartened to see all the positive comments from our schools as to how we have managed to support them over what has been an extremely challenging year. I include a few below for your encouragement too.

'Thank you so much for all your efforts in supporting the staff and children this year. We are incredibly grateful to you and the team for the pre-recorded videos and other resources you sent us. They have greatly benefited the children in their RE lessons.'

'The children were excited to see you on screen, it was like you were in the room with us!'

One parent said, 'it was so refreshing to see your familiar faces online. The session was really engaging, the children loved it. It was lovely to see you having fun while telling stories; it was a breath of fresh air at a time when we were all in lockdown. Thank you.'

We are, as you know, a creative, collaborative bunch, well used to thinking on our feet and adapting to change quickly. My word, how we have had to draw on those skills this year. Like so many other folk, we have found that leaning into/relying on IT presented us with a huge learning curve, but it has been so worth it. Whilst pre-recorded sessions are not as experiential or as an immersive experience as when we teach in person, our pre-recorded sessions are undoubtedly a hit. We will continue to use them, especially for the Autumn term (even if we attend school in person). Newfound skills will enable us to create training sessions going forward and provide additional tools to support folk wherever they are.

Thank you for your continued prayerful support. May God bless and keep you and those you love, safe and well. Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you, for real, very soon.

'Pray to me in time of trouble. I will rescue you, and you will honour me.'
Psalm 50v15 CEV

We did, he did, we will. Alleluia!

Love Julia x



Julia Jones,
Project Director

Yr 6 Transition

Although the teams won't be holding the transition event at the two local Sports Halls this summer for Yr6 pupils of our primary schools, they are wishing them well, via video, for the next stage of their school journey. And some hope to meet up with them again in their secondary years!

"Goodbye, Yr6"



The Lost Sheep



When we hear the story of the lost sheep it captures our imagination. After a recent video session one of the teachers sent us this touching feedback: "Thanks for all your resources and video link. I have attached a picture of the children's sheep, I thought you might like to see it - they loved it! They were all engaged and loved the story."

One child even referred to me as a shepherd and the children are my sheep and I look after all of them - which was very cute."

A note from Keith

Summer term is usually a busy season with classes, assemblies and our huge transition events. Have you missed the newsprint ink and wobbly giraffes?! While restrictions are easing, school life is far from normal. It has been great to see our team leaders developing new sessions for use in schools. We are so blessed to have such a creative and adaptable team.

Behind the scenes our trustee meetings have focused on how we can continue to pioneer our schools work in the emerging post covid landscape. While much remains uncertain, one thing we do know is that we will continue to need your prayers and practical support.

How can you best support REInspired at this time? Please pray for wisdom as we contact schools to arrange sessions for the Autumn term. We would also value your support with regards to finance and undertaking practical tasks.

We are grateful to God for all that has happened in this past academic year, and we look forward to the new term starting in September.

Until then may God bless you and keep you safe during the Summer holidays.

Keith,
Chair of Trustees



DIARY NOTE

To all Volunteers, you are invited to our BBQ, if all is well, on Thursday 16th September, 12.30



In the **Yr4 Belief & Practices** Sue tells the pupils an up to date version on the Good Samaritan story. She explains, "A man had been brutally beaten and left in the rubbish area. A refugee passed by and heard his moans. He took him to A&E where his wounds were stitched and his leg was set in plaster" And the story continued. Jesus asks at the end of the story, who was the neighbour to the injured man? The one who helped the man, the people say. "Go and do the same" says Jesus.

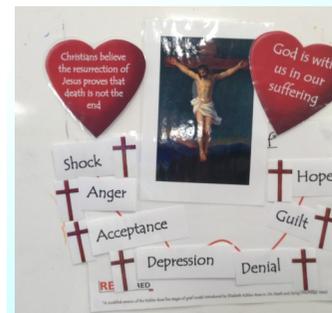
RE SOUTH READING
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In School at
**Geoffrey Fields
Primary**

We were very excited to go into Year 6 in Geoffrey Field Junior School in person to deliver the "Death, Funerals and the Christian Response" session.

We did the sessions in the classrooms with each separate class, with the children sat at their desks due to the local Covid surge. It worked brilliantly and we only needed two on the team. We were able to run the session as per the session plan with a few tweaks.

I took the worksheets and craft resources in the previous week for quarantine and the children used their own stationery.



We had time for Q&A after each section and had some brilliant discussions.

The children were fully engaged and it worked really well.

Sarah

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