



Canterbury Christian



Schools Work Trust



# News & Prayer Letter

# SPRING 2024

## FROM THE TRUSTEES...

*'My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus' Phil 4 v 19*

Praise God for His abundant faithfulness and provision. At this time we remember especially God's great provision, in Jesus' life, death and resurrection, for our salvation.

We had a very enjoyable Cream Tea in March, with delicious scones, jam and cream, good company, gentle music and plenty of drinks. Our numbers were down a little on last year, but, thanks be to God, over £700 was raised.

We very much appreciated Louise Mills' time with CCSWT, with all her giftings and commitment to us and to the Lord. We said goodbye to her at the end of January and again God had provided. Nadia has taken on extra hours to cover much of her work and it is all going well. We will review the situation in due course, to see if we need another Secondary worker. Please pray about this.

Thank you for praying for another trustee. After our next meeting a decision will be made. We are happy with the person, so await confirmation.

Please pray for pupils and staff alike, who have heard the Good News Easter brings, through assemblies and special workshops. It is so important to take the opportunity of the season to present the truth of the Gospel.

We always thank God in every remembrance of you.....

We are humbled when we visit you in your churches and hear of your interest in the work and support of it.

We are truly blessed. We are booked up right through to the summer so the next available date for a visit is September.

John Way (Chairman), Trish Woods,  
Derek Bingham (Treasurer) and Bev Cooke



# PRIMARY UPDATE



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Towards the end of the Spring term, I both helped with, and ran Easter activities in Primary schools. The 'Experience Easter' visits held in a few Faversham churches, for local schools, are brilliantly run and well received. I am always grateful to be welcomed to go along and engage in conversations with young people, about Easter.

I ran some Easter workshops where we told the Easter story through objects, and then the children made a memory bracelet and completed various activities inside their own **Easter Puzzle** booklet which they then took home. We had so many great conversations (including some about Jesus, the Bible and even prophecy), there were so many children in awe as we travelled Jesus' story with Him, and a lot of fun and joy. As this worked so well, I will offer it out more widely next Easter.

Please pray for the mentees I meet with - the one-to-one time spent with an adult, who isn't their teacher, or there to assess their work is so valued by not just the school and young person, but parents/carers as well. This is a brilliant way to bring Kingdom values into schools; giving time and care to individuals.

My Confident Kids (5-7 year olds) groups all finished in the last two weeks of term, and it was bitter sweet saying goodbye to the children, as they have developed a lot in the time I've worked with them. Our groups have bonded well. I do remind them it's never really goodbye from me though, as they see me around school or in Worship, and I often hear a cheery, 'Hello Katy'!

So, what does the next term hold in store? Well, more worship and mentoring, as well as lots of work with year 6 children, in preparation for their move to secondary schools. I will be running our **Be Unique** groups, which provide a chance for small groups of girls to talk about topics such as identity, healthy friendships and emotions.

Nadia and I are also getting ready for our very popular transition workshops - **Six2Seven**. During these we think about the topics **Changes**, **Challenges**, **Choices** and **Chat**, and whilst we certainly have fun, the children really do get to think and talk about how their lives are changing. You'll find an advert for this on the back page - do share with any year 6 teachers you may know!

*Love Katy*

# SECONDARY UPDATE

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It has been another busy term. I have taken on a new school and am getting to know the staff and young people there. I have been running 2 Glow groups in this school - one boys group and one girls group. Attendance is patchy, a number of the young people are school refusers, so I try to make the most of each session to tell some truths they might not otherwise be hearing. Truths like - they matter; their opinion is valuable; how they are treated and how they treat others count. We do this by thinking about how we handle difficult emotions like anger, anxiety, negative self thinking and how we handle friendships.

My boys talked recently about their school's poor reputation and how that affected them. They felt like it wasn't their choice to be there, it isn't anyone's choice. Choice is important in self worth. We thought about what they do have a choice over.

Please pray for a lunchtime club I run in that school. It's an overtly Christian group, this term we've been looking at the Lord's Prayer. Most people coming aren't Christians but enjoy the space to hear what we think and to ask questions, as well as do crafts and eat biscuits! With some staff changes this coming term we are looking for a new venue and helpers. Pray for provision!

I have one girl in a group I have just finished who loves quotes. We normally exchange a few quotes - I can drop in some great ones like "Love your neighbour (each other) as yourself - Jesus" - showing the importance of how we treat others, but also the need to value self as God values us. Her favourite one is "It's okay to be a glowstick, sometimes we need to break before we shine". We talked about recognizing the brokenness in all of us. Actually, this is how we come to Jesus isn't it?! We are repentant sinners in need of God's love and Grace in Jesus.

Thank you for your support in prayer and giving. I really value it, and consider it a joy and a privilege to bring the love of God and Kingdom values into schools in this area.

*Love Nadia*

We want to send a massive thank you to our wonderful volunteers, who go into school weekly. Please pray for them as they meet with pupils.

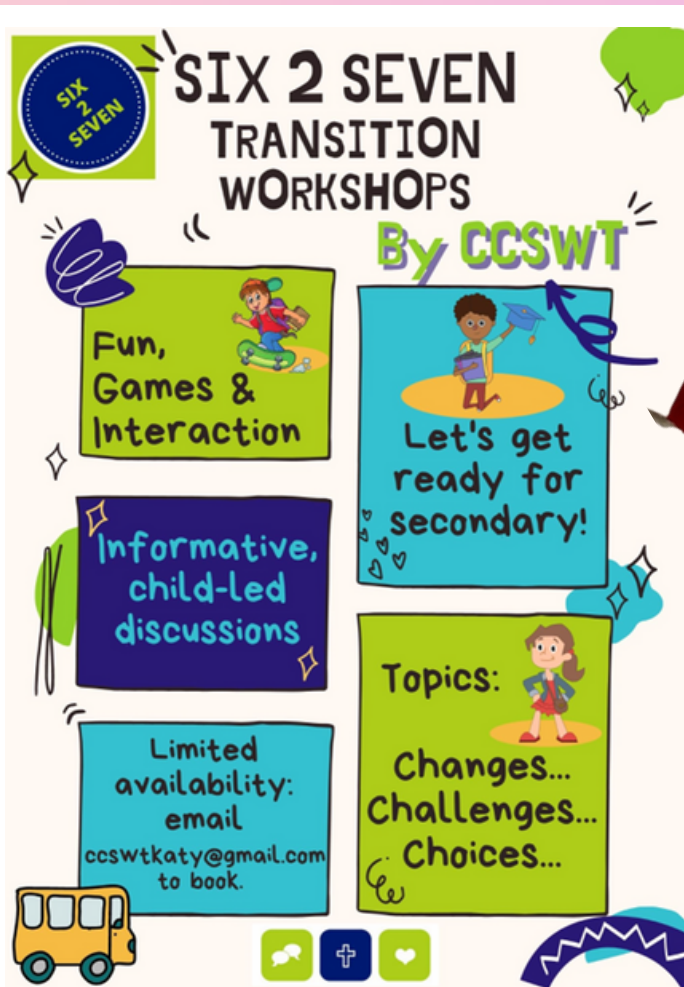


# Prayer Points

- We pray for those with upcoming changes - year 6s readying for 'BIG' school, littlies enjoying their last term before school starts, teens choosing their path for sixth form, university and work.
- We pray for those about to start exams, that this may be a time of peace and calm, and that they know the peace of Jesus' presence during times of anxiety.
- We pray for our upcoming transition sessions, working with year 6s as they get ready to move to secondary school.

# Praise Points

- Thank you God a lovely time of fellowship at our recent cream tea, as well as for the crucial funds raised, which will benefit our work this year.
- Praise God for our well received Easter workshops, which led to positive conversations with both children and adults about how Jesus works within their lives. May these seeds of truth continue to grow.
- We thank God for the Christian children and young people in schools who stand firm in their beliefs, and especially those who help to run lunch clubs and Christian unions, and lead worship for fellow pupils.



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