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CiST Newsletter Easter 2018



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A thank you for our supporters

*"Pray for your brothers and sisters.
Keep your eyes open. Keep each
other's spirits up so that no one
falls behind or falls away."
Ephesians 6:18*

We are so grateful for the amazing support of our supporters, who have given us such encouragement and love in the past few months.

We have been blessed with the opportunity to celebrate many different things – we have had a wonderful prayer meeting at St Cuthbert's Church in Cheadle, for whom we were very grateful for hosting us and walking with us. If you attended, thank you very much for being there with us.

We have had a very encouraging Commissioning Service for our Primary Worker Josh hosted by St

Andrews Church in Cheadle Hulme, and we were so pleased to see so many of those who benefit from Josh's work in the area there to pray for him and bless him in his role. Thank you.

The blessings just kept coming with our supporters coffee morning! This was incredibly well attended, and thank you to all of you who let us know that you were unable to make this one, but disappointed. We are so encouraged that we will definitely hold another one so you can be there!

You have given us so much to be thankful for, and your prayers continue to bless us as our work increases and grows. Please don't forget to be let us know either by mail or email if you want to continue hearing from us after the data

protection law changes on the 25th of May.

Don't be left behind!

Thank you for continuing to bless us with your strong support.

The Christians in Schools Trust Team

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Here's the story of Storytelling Week

Our Storytelling Week was one of the most ambitious projects we have attempted to undertake. We are so happy to have had such positive feedback from the schools and have asked We have been really blessed Joanne Hughes, a teacher from Romiley Primary, one of our most frequent booking schools and the school that booked the most Storytelling Week lessons. Here's what she had to say!

What have your teachers said about the Storytelling Week project?

The teachers really enjoyed the RE storytelling afternoon. It fitted in well with each year and linked to the different RE topics. The staff enjoyed seeing the different activities that can be done in an RE lesson and enjoyed seeing the

children have fun whilst learning. The staff said that the storytelling session had a good message and good learning outcomes for the children. The children came out of the hall excited about what they had achieved and learnt during the afternoon.

What have your students most enjoyed about the Storytelling Week project?

The children enjoyed the 4 different activities and the fact that they didn't get bored at one activity as they quickly moved to another activity that caught their attention. The children enjoyed having a different RE afternoon compared to other afternoons. They enjoyed seeing new faces from the team and learning new knowledge. The children liked having their own little activity book and the free Dairy of a Disciple book.

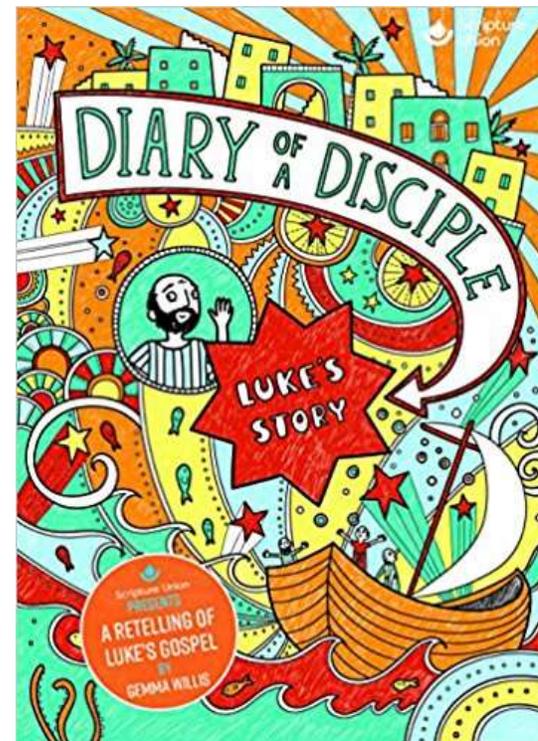
What do you think of the Diary of the Disciple resource material?

The children loved receiving their free book and have talked about it since the story telling week. The activities were well resourced and all the adults came prepared and new what they were doing. The children enjoyed all the activities and were engaged the whole time. Even if the children were in a big group the adults could still get them organised and the children knew

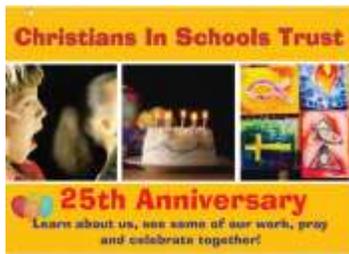
what they were doing. There was good communication between school staff and Christians in schools staff and could resource the afternoon well between each other.

So overall, it was a wonderful success! We delivered over 1000 copies of the mini version of "The Diary of a Disciple," to students around Stockport, meaning that over 1000 students have a copy of the first four chapters of the Gospel of Luke in their home, possibly creating an amazing impact in Stockport homes!

"Train up a child in the way they should go, and they will not depart from it, even when they are old."
Proverbs 22:6



Coming up ...



Don't forget about our 25th Anniversary Celebration!

We are so excited about our Anniversary Service coming up on the **16th of May 2018**.

We are grateful to **Stockport Baptist Church** for hosting us, and you are invited at **7pm for a 7:30pm start**.

Please RSVP to Jan Ford at janford732@gmail.com as soon as you can so we know numbers for our goodie bags!

Teachers prayer meeting: May 11th 2018 at 4pm at our offices at 99, Chatham street.

Church Visit at St. Marys Church Cheadle 22nd of April 2018.

Church visit at All Hallows Church Cheadle, 13th of May 2018.

We have had such a lot of fun with our Easter projects this year! Let me tell you about them...

This year we have pushed ourselves even further than usual, by committing to providing an Easter project for both KS1 and KS2 and serving all of the children in the primary school. We have created two projects that are specially tailored to suit the needs of their age group, and we have had a blast delivering them!

The Easter Mysteries project:

Our Easter mysteries project is for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and 4 and focuses on taking the children through the story of Easter through stories, songs, and videos!

The Jesus on Trial Project:

Our Jesus on Trial project is for Year 4,5 and 6 and is one of our most ambitious and unusual projects. In the project we imagine the Trial of Jesus in the present day, and present the children with evidence in the form



of video statements, physical evidence, and dramas they can act out. They then get the chance to decide for themselves if Jesus was guilty or not! It's a really interesting way of bringing the Easter story to life!

Guardians of Ancora :

Our newest initiative this year has been to push back into primary schools with lunch and afterschool clubs, something that had dropped off our repertoire. This has been headed up by Josh, who is currently running two clubs using the Guardians of Ancora computer game that is based on exploring the bible. The children love it, and are learning about Jesus too!



A photo for our second teachers prayer meeting!