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ACTIOS NEWS UPDATE - July 2019

Our two Schools' Workers, Leanne and Elaine, have had a busy but fantastic summer term, they are really enjoying working together as a team and we wish them an enjoyable and well earned summer break.

The Summer Term has been dominated by 2 big events:

Scripture Union Lifepath. This year the annual *Lifepath* event was held at *Elstow* and was a dramatized rendering of the life of John Bunyan. School groups from across the area were invited and we are delighted that children from two St Neots schools attended for the first time this year and gave positive feedback.

Prayer Spaces. We really appreciate the opportunity to go into local schools and hold Prayer Spaces enabling Year 6 children to reflect on their time at primary school and prepare for the transition to secondary school. We were delighted to welcome some new volunteers from local churches onto the team this year alongside our regular ones. The children asked some fantastic questions and were really engaged. We also gave out the newly updated version of Scripture Union *It's Your Move* books and these were well received. One Head teacher has already assured us we will be invited back again next year!

Supa Club continues to flourish. This term we focused on the *Armour of God*, what it is and why we need it. Our regular children are coming every week and are really engaged, challenging us on big questions and soaking up God's word. At the end of term we presented *Bibles* to those children who told us they didn't have one at home and to others we gave a copy of *Diary of a Disciple*. **Supa Club** currently runs weekly at Great Staughton Primary and we are delighted that the opportunity has opened up for us to also run a weekly **Supa Club** at Crosshall Juniors starting in September.

Our assembly theme for the first half of the term was the *Road to Emmaus* and the second half has been an end of term assembly based on *Jesus calms the storm*, in nature and in our own lives too.

Schools have already started booking Elaine and Leanne for the next school year and they busy planning their assembly topics for next term. Leanne's *Facebook* updates are a good way to find out just how much our Schools' Workers are doing on a weekly basis.

The Trustees are excited about a new venture which Leanne and Elaine are piloting in a local secondary academy. 'ACTIOS Thrive' offers a *mentoring programme* to secondary age pupils that teachers feel will benefit from additional support. Elaine describes the aim of the course "*to help students feel more equipped to take independent steps towards healthy self esteem and to feel more in control of their emotions and well being.*" The course was piloted during the Summer Term and was well received by the staff and students. The Trustees are seeking additional funding so that this valuable work can be developed and financed.

We are grateful to God for his continued blessing over the past 15 years. Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the work of ACTIOS.

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