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## ACTIOS NEWS

### JANUARY 2020



**The Autumn Term** was busy with assemblies and Christmas activities. Assemblies were delivered on 'Crime Scene Investigation' exploring the two Gospel accounts of the Christmas story and their similarities and differences and also on 'A Christmas Hope' looking at how Jesus came to give us hope. KS2 lessons on Christmas traditions were also delivered at **Priory Juniors** and **Middlefield School**. These were well received and schools are already booking up again for next Christmas!

**Spring Term 2020** got off to a flying start with a flurry of bookings for assemblies. As a result Leanne and Elaine will be delivering 3 to 5 assemblies a week during the Spring Term. Topics for this term include 'The Parable of the Talents' and 'Running the Race'. The door has also opened for ACTIOS to work in **Alconbury CofE School** resulting from a 'chance' meeting with a teacher.

Lunchtime **SUPA Clubs** are now up and running at both **Great Staughton Primary** and **Crosshall Juniors**. Last term the children looked at prophecies relating to the Christmas story and the term ended with a Christmas Party. This term the children will be looking at the chronological timeline of the Bible, the Ten Commandments and later in the term will focus on the Easter story.

Following some initial timetabling issues Elaine and Leanne were able to run the second **ACTIOS Thrive** mentoring programme at **Longsands**. The course ran for six 30-40 minute sessions during the lunch-break to which students could bring their lunch. Five female students signed up and attendance was initially good but began to drop off towards the end of term as students were reluctant to give up their lunch-breaks. However, there was positive feedback on the helpfulness of the programme from both students and pastoral staff and Elaine is liaising with the school about timetabling of possible future groups.



Leanne has been in contact with the newly appointed **Head at Longsands** and has received a very encouraging response, Leanne & Elaine have been invited to meet with him after Easter in order to talk about their involvement in the school going forward.



'*The Higher Tour*' organised by **Youth for Christ** in conjunction with **Scripture Union** will be revisiting Cambridgeshire schools in October 2020. Leanne is on the Cambridgeshire West organising committee and both Leanne and Elaine will be involved in delivering the events in St Neots. We are delighted that both **Longsands** and **Ernulf** have booked and confirmed dates for the team to visit their schools.

In October we had a wonderful fundraising Concert at **St. Mary's Eaton Socon** where we enjoyed a variety of popular classics from some exceptionally talented musicians under the leadership of Julia Frape (violin) and Jill Morton (piano).

Our next fundraising concert will be held on 21st March 2020 at **St Neots United Reformed Church** with the **Huntingdon Male Voice Choir**. Admission £12.50 Adults. 16's and under Free. Tickets available from your church ACTIOS Reps or on the door.



**Huntingdon Male Voice Choir**  
**Saturday**  
**21st March 2020**  
United Reformed Church  
St Neots, Cambs  
7pm for 7:30pm start  
Admission - £12:50 Adults  
16 and under FREE  
Incl. Refreshments  
Tickets available from your  
ACTIOS/HMVC Reps and on the door  
In support of **actios**  
assisting christian teaching  
in our schools

### Please pray for:

**ACTIOS Huntingdon Male Voice Choir Concert** 21st March 2020 at St Neots URC.

**Assemblies** taking place on 'The Parable of the Talents' and 'Running the Race'.

**SUPA Clubs** at Crosshall and Great Staughton Primary Schools, that more children will sign up for the Spring Term clubs.

**Alconbury CofE School** as Leanne and Elaine make initial visits and start building relationships with the staff and children.

**ACTIOS Thrive Mentoring Programme** at Longsands for ongoing discussions with staff about future timetabling.

**The newly appointed Head at Longsands** and especially for his meeting with Leanne & Elaine to discuss working together.

Preparations for **The Higher Tour 2020** for the organising committee and for the staff and students of our two local high schools, Longsands and Ernulf.

Thank you for your continued interest in the work of ACTIOS.

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