

Newsletter

Summer 2014



It was super to be part of several events that took place during Pray for Schools fortnight and to see the commitment and concern for our local schools. I have been thrilled to hear of so many **churches and prayer groups who were getting ready to hand out "It's Your Move" booklets to Year 6 children.** (produced by Scripture Union as a guide to starting secondary school.)

<http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/ItsYourMove/112817.id>

One group gave plants and flowers to their schools **during PFS fortnight and commented** "We sincerely hope and pray that our highlighting of the fortnight has served to reassure all of our schools/ organizations of our continuing faithfulness in standing with them in prayer and partnering with them in what we believe is a vital work of supporting and encouraging them in all they seek to do amongst the young people in our community. We encouraged them that they are where God has placed them and, therefore, are part of His most amazing plans and **purposes for the children and their families."**



a photo of Val giving the plant with a PFS Rooted in Love card

As end of term fast approaches we can look forward to a break and time with family and friends. With this newsletter I attach information about a couple of events this Autumn; in Birmingham on 20th September, organised by Free Education committee, and in London and then York with our partner organisation Prayer Spaces in Schools. Both give us a great opportunity to network with others in our area and discover new resources and encouragements to help us to serve our local schools. See our website for regular up-dates and please let us know about your prayer events too.

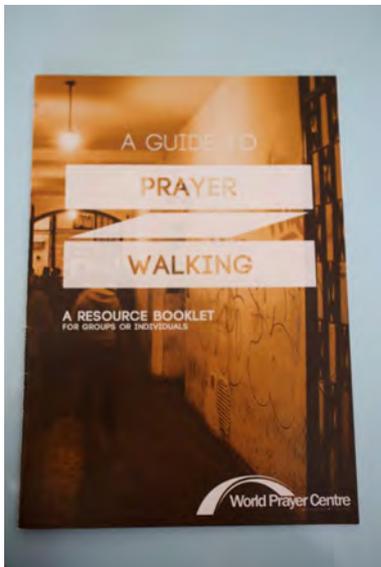
SU Scotland has produced excellent 'Back to School with God' material – this year based on **Nehemiah, with a theme "Earth calling Heaven."** There is an all age talk plus loads of resources on the website. <http://www.prayforschools.org/pfs-events/back-to-school-with-god/>

We have extended the closing date of the bookmark competition until September, giving you a chance to come up with designs at Sunday School/ Holiday Clubs or with your own children during the holidays. I pray that you have a relaxing summer. Jane Newey PFS England Coordinator





During May and our Pray for Schools fortnight prayer groups met all around the country from Lincoln to Cheltenham, Penrith to Gillingham. A new group started in Stoke and plans are to make it a termly event. It is so important to bring our cares and worries to the Lord. Psalm 20 talks about God answering us in our time of trouble. Mark 11 v24 says " Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours." May our prayers for our children and young people in our schools today be answered by the Living Lord.



Another superb booklet from the World Prayer Centre looks at Prayer Walking.

Available from <http://www.worldprayer.org.uk/shop/>

For just £1

We used it to get ideas for our new video, kindly made for us by YFC/Talking Donkey

<http://wp.me/p3Ezfr-QR>

Why not plan a walk over the summer or for Pray Day in November

Details about our Bookmark competition are on the last page of this newsletter and on our website <http://www.prayforschools.org/2014/03/bookmark-competition/>

We have extended the closing date to the end of September— an ideal activity for children on a wet afternoon or at Sunday school/holiday club



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supporting education in your community

The Free Church Education Committee invites you
to a day to come together, learn more and take action
on

SATURDAY

20th SEPTEMBER

2014

10 am—4pm

THE CHURCH AT CARRS LANE, BIRMINGHAM

There is no charge for attendance, but booking is essential in order to secure your place(s). For more information please see: www.freechurches.org.uk
Booking by phone 0203 651 8334 or e-mail education@freechurches.org.uk

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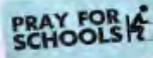
You are invited to an all-age service to pray for and support our young people and the school community at the start of the school year.



More information about praying for your local school can be found at suscotland.org.uk/bsg

Are you creative?

Why not help us design a new bookmark for Pray for Schools?



Draw a picture or a design for the front of our bookmark
Size 20cm x 5.5cm

Prizes for the winning entries!
(Primary and Secondary)



Send with name and age
by 30th September 2014
to

england@prayforschools.org

See website for details

www.prayforschools.org

Prayer Spaces in Schools

Development Days, 2014

Supporting Spiritual Life in School

input from educational professionals and practitioners / prayer space / time for dialogue and discussion / new video / networking / coffee and cakes...

London, Fri 3rd Oct, 10.30am-4.30pm
York, Mon 13th Oct, 10.30am-4.30pm

tickets £15 / for info and venues;
www.prayerspacesinschools.com