

Newsletter

Spring 2015



In preparation for Pray for Schools Fortnight, I have been looking at the theme of Light and have led a couple of prayer meetings using different coloured candles. As we lit each candle we spent a few minutes praying for different groups of children: those with special needs, who were ill or were experiencing upsets at home etc. It is great to focus on praying for the children in our local community.

This year for Pray for Schools Fortnight, to join with the International Year of Light, we have chosen the theme "Let your Light Shine". The dates for Pray for Schools Fortnight are 10th to 23rd May. Resources are available on the website based on Matthew 5 v 14. Why not get a few prayer groups in your town together and pray and encourage each other as we serve our local schools.

I have had some encouraging emails with answers to prayers from schools in Shrewsbury, one of the groups has been going for nearly 12 years and writes "I could write a book on all the good things God has done/initiated in that school". We pray this will be true in your school too.

Jane Newey PFS England Coordinator

Matthew 5 v 14 "You're here
to be light, bringing out the
God-colours in the world."
from the Message





News from Shropshire

A primary school in Shrewsbury writes: We meet in the school with the permission of the Head and continue to bake cakes for the staff. A new idea which works well is to provide filled baguettes/hot soup for staff during the long haul of parents' evenings-the Head was thrilled at this prospect, which we hope to put into practice at the next set of parents' evenings. The Prayer Group also supports the after school Bible Club – Quest Club and Open the Book assemblies which Quest club children love to do. An answer to prayer has been for boys in the club, previously only a couple of lads last year, now I've only got one girl!

Shrewsbury High School. The head has recently given us permission to meet on-site and a real answer to prayer has been the re-start of the school CU, dormant for a few years. The member of staff who ran it previously didn't feel they could take it on again, but several sixth form girls have stepped up and re-launched the group this term. The prayer group take turns to provide cakes for the girls and when we receive prayer requests from the teachers via our staff link, we send a card saying we're praying for them. We had a response back from one of the staff who said "You can inform your group that I feel the lady's health is improving and that I am sure that their prayers have helped if not her, then definitely me!" We are indebted to our staff link who steps out in faith three times a term and sends an email to all the staff saying the parents' prayer group is meeting and asking for requests. So brave! Especially the first time.... But each time we get 2 or 3 requests.

Shrewsbury School. Numbers are gradually growing amongst the parents which is a great encouragement. We recently asked the Bishop of Shrewsbury to be our Patron as he is an Old Salopian and were delighted that he accepted and hopes to join us occasionally. The parents pay for the Dominos pizzas for the School Christian Forum. A highlight last year was 10 of us having an open-air prayer meeting in the middle of Speech Day amongst the clinking of tea cups and consumption of cake! Very special, although it did feel a bit surreal....



Children left school? Festive prays for sixth form colleges and universities—why not join them?

<http://www.festive.org.uk/non-students/prayer>

Or if they are working

<http://www.transformworkuk.org>

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