

## Schools and Children's Worker AGM Reports

**Coolbox:** Coolbox meets on a Thursday evening in term time from 6:45 until 8pm in the church rooms. The children who attend are in years 5 and 6 (9-11years old). This group is run by Pauline and Chris Stanford, Dave Hunt and myself, Sue Fung. The current numbers for the group are an average of 20-25 attending weekly.

During the last school term we have based our bible study around the life of Moses. Over the next half term we will look at Parables.

At the end of the summer term we will have an end of year party and invite the children with church connections from the next year group along to meet the leaders and sign up ready for September.

Please pray for the coming summer term that the children will be open to learning more about God and for the natural changes that will take place in September as the older ones move up to Freezer and a new group of children start.

**Freezer:** Freezer is now in its third year. We meet in the church rooms on Thursdays in term time from 6:45 until 8pm. The children who attend are in Year 7 and 8. We have an average of about 25 attending this group weekly. The leadership team is made up of Ed Swinnerton, Jonathan Collier, Kath Bowyer and Vicky Platt.

Please pray for Freezer, that those who attend will deepen their love for Jesus.

**Sunday Groups:** Since September we have been using Children's Ministry materials. We are using 'MiniZone' with children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and 'KidZone' with those in Year's 2-5. The material is great and children seem to be responding well to it. The 'MiniZone' group is very large – with over 25 children regularly attending. This can make it difficult for leaders. Please pray that if we need to divide into 3 groups rather than 2 that additional leaders will become available.

**Messy Church:** Messy Church continues to be popular with young families. Last May we had a Pentecost Messy Church. In January there was a New Year Messy Church focusing on God loves me and on 17 April we had a Nanny McPhee Messy Church. This format has potential to be run more regularly if a dedicated team were available.

**School:** In school I go into RE lessons across all year groups. Having developed relationships with the teaching staff they are very open to my input and suggestions within the lessons.

I do 2 assemblies a week – one in KeyStage 1 and one in KeyStage 2.

GCrew – we have had a few problems with a venue for GCrew this year and as a result the numbers have been quite low. We will only meet once in the coming half term as Year 6 are involved in SATs and away at the Manor. Adding in the Bank Holiday we are left with only one session. We will have this as an open session and invite those who do not normally come. We will then meet again in the final half term.

Please pray particularly for GCrew – that the children who do come will encounter Jesus' love for them.

**Pentrenant Hall.** Last May 50 of us (Children and leaders) went off to Pentrenant Hall for the weekend. The weekend is open to those children in Year's 6-8 who attend church groups at the Parish, Tynnings, St Thomas and The Hothouse. Despite awful weather we had a great weekend. Preparations are in place for this year's weekend. It is currently fully booked and confirmation of place letters are about to be sent out. Our theme this year is 'SuperHeros'.