

Sutton Schoolswork

Prayer Update May 2022



Director's Note

And a new day dawns in the life of Sutton Schoolswork. Our staff numbers have increased once more, although the face is one that we have known for a while! Sarah returned to the fold after her year's maternity leave, and we are delighted to have her back. But this didn't mean we had to say goodbye to Rachel. No, God had other plans, and the two ladies have continued in post, in part time capacities, meaning we now have both of them, and, as many have found, two part time workers can so often produce more than the sum of their parts!!!

And so, we move forward, with a renewed vigour, energy and purpose, to bring the truth of the Gospel message into our schools, helping students of all ages to have a greater understanding (and for many, a first knowledge) of the depth of God's love for them, as shown through the Bible, and especially in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Across the borough, people are praying that this message will be received, considered, and responded to. This can be achieved through many paths, and we are constantly seeking to find new ones, and yet remain faithful to the ones which have shown themselves to have worked so well in the past.

Our secondary schools tend to ask less of us in the summer term, as they concentrate on the coming exam season, but this means we can give more time to our Christian Unions, in all their guises. We are in the process of re-launching the one at Carshalton Girls, so your prayers for those pupils are definitely valued. And we are preparing a 6th form conference at the same school for the 10th of June, at which we are given the opportunity to ask the girls to consider a serious topic, and yet we are allowed to offer a Christian perspective at

the same time. Brilliant! Please pray that the preparations for this day will lead to girls hearing something of the message of Jesus.

Our primary schools continue to ask us to come in, with many of them now back to full assemblies. Our programme is nearing the levels that we had prior to Covid hitting, and so many of these schools are genuinely delighted to have us back. Our core delivery this term will be Transit, where we invite Year 6 children to consider the move to secondary school that they are all nearing, but we encourage them to view it from the perspective of Joseph (son of Jacob), who was able to rely on God through all the upheaval he underwent. We have 12 schools booked in for this, and it gives Kate and Beca (our secondary workers) the opportunity to engage with these children, and when they move on to year 7, they will recognise our two ladies in their new school, and be reminded of the message they heard through these workshops.

Our finances continue to remain strong enough to pay all our bills, and we thank God for the faithfulness of our supporting friends and churches who enable us to do our work. We never take these wonderful people for granted, and, fully aware that the current difficulties being experienced by so many may translate into their ability to give, we continue to pray for God to provide for our needs. The fact that He does, and so often to exactly the quantity needed, and that He continues to provide new opportunities for us to share our story, convinces us that He is at the core of everything we do.

Praise God for all that He continues to do. We share His story, and tell of His love, so that others may know about Him, and get to know Him. Thank you for being part of that.