

### **3rd year report in the Employment of a Children's, Youth and Families Worker (CYFW)**

#### **For the Sisterhood of the Holy Childhood.**

Thanks to your contributions we were able to employ Luke to be our CYFW. In the last year he has been able to do the following work with Children aged 4-11:

The Spectacular our Children's, Youth and Families Newsletter, which was first released in 2017, has gone through 3 more editions including a one off Summer Schools Edition reflecting on the amazing time we had over the Summer holiday this year. Every edition has been circulated amongst all our groups and some local schools totalling over 500 each time.

Blast! which was formed in 2017 to run Activities at the back of The Good Shepherd (our church plant opened 2010) has now become a fully functioning Sunday School. Thanks to Luke's efforts in recruiting volunteers, we have managed to establish a functioning group over this year and are looking to build upon this.

Our Christmas Activity day was attended by 34 children aged 5-11 and was a great day. We also had our best attendance on record at our Easter Activity Day with 40 children attending, which was great!

Junior Sunday School is for children in school years 3-6 at S Mary's and runs during school term. The aim is for the young people to grow in their faith, as well as a group of young people. We managed to grow our small group of 6 up to 15 and we are looking to continue to grow through the coming months.

In Infant Sunday School (Reception - yr 2) we have seen a big increase in numbers with up to 25 in some weeks which is amazing. Infant Sunday School also follows the same teaching as Juniors and BLAST!

The two Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association Companies which are in our Parish have also benefited from Luke, and have seen an increase in members aged between 5-11 increase from 70 to 80 over the last academic year which is thanks to the time and effort of Luke getting round local schools. We have recently also seen a big uptake in this new academic year and are even considering the need for a waiting list in some age groups.

This year we were again able to offer a Summer Holiday Scheme. This was again made possible by a grant made to the Tottenham Grammar School Foundation where we received just over £10000, to run two full weeks programme for those entering Reception - year 6 as of September 19. We saw the club fill up as we engaged with 30 children for over 45 hours both weeks! Teaching them all about the Gospel of Mark and the story of Daniel as well as having lots of fun!

Luke has also been able to bolster our volunteer ranks once again seeing a further 7 people come forward to help out across all our activities.

Luke delivers weekly assemblies in a local 2 form entry Academy School. delivering a Christian message each week to those in Reception - Year 6 and their teachers. This started in September 2018.

Our Targets for next year:

To continue to build links with local schools and community groups including the launch of a community carol singing event in the local park in association with local primary schools and community groups.

Increase the number of children across all our clubs and Sunday schools.

Continue to increase the links between our clubs and the church and to encourage more children to attend church more regularly.

I thank you again for your funding and look forward to letting you know what the next year brings to our Parish as we continue to improve our work with Children.