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Holy Childhood Charity
Via email

Dear Linden

With the academic year just finished and our monitoring correlated I am pleased to send the trustees this update on what their £5,000 has helped to achieve so far. I hope that they are as excited as we are.

Funding was restricted to our REfresh project, which is taking Christian Religious Education lessons in schools. For the last academic year a staggering 88% of teaching staff rated our RE lessons 'outstanding' and we have increased our reach to teaching over 7,860 pupils. This is against a national backdrop where Ofsted recognise that generally RE is overlooked by many schools and that this is to the detriment of the benefits that RE brings (social cohesion, empathy etc). It is great to see our work bucking the trend by bringing in specialist teachers to make lessons memorable, meaningful and fun. We trust that this will be foundational in the lives of children.

Here are just some comments about the work:

'Children had a better understanding of Jesus and knew some of his stories' (as a result of our work)

'Their recall skills have been enhanced...the children had a wonderful experience.'

'Very good lessons which engage the children and encourage them to think.'

'The second time that a Year 6 class I've taught have received this and both times, (there were) engaged children and conversation around the subject matter continued after the lesson.'

'children really enjoy CRiBS and learn a lot.'

We hope that this provides a flavour of what the trust is making possible. Please pass on our grateful thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Jefferys

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