

NEWSLETTER

The Church on Fairford Leys – Children's Activities

Dear All,

Introduction

This is a newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening in our Sunday School. The sessions run every Sunday (including school holidays), except the first Sunday of the month, when there is family service in the church.

A year ago we changed the structure of the groups to accommodate the ever growing number of children and this has been working very well. The guideline age groups are:

- age 0 – 4/5 (up to the September before starting school)
- age 4/5 – 7/8 (Early Years and KS1 - Yrs 1 & 2)
- age 7/8 – upwards (KS2 – Yrs 3 +)

The groupings reflect school years so that blocks of children move up at the same time and not just when their birthdays occur. These groupings are flexible depending on individual circumstances.

The activities take place in the cloisters area, immediately outside with the 0-4/5s using the little room.

Format

The children leave the service during the second hymn and have a joint prayer before splitting into the groups. The activities vary and relate to how we can grow in the Christian faith. They may follow the bible readings for the day or have a topical theme. The children then rejoin the main service during the offertory hymn.

Children's Details

We have a database of our children's details, so that we have correct names and contacts for them and also so that we can be aware of any medical conditions/allergies. If you haven't already completed a form please ask me or one of the Sunday School leaders for one.

Help

We are always looking for additional volunteers, especially those willing to lead (especially as we have some 'maternity leave' coming up!) So, if you can help in *any way*, either to go on a rota or to lead a group on a one-off basis, please let me know. The more volunteers we have the more the work is spread around.

Family Service 2nd December

Little Angels will be performing their nativity play at this service and we have been asked if some of the KS1 children would like to narrate and if the younger children (0-4s) would like to dress up as angels, animals or shepherds.

As a Sunday School group we will also be rehearsing something (to be determined!) in the coming weeks to perform also.

Christmas Party

We will be having a small Christmas celebration for the children during the normal Sunday School session on 23rd December. This will include games, drinks and biscuits. Further notification will be sent out nearer the time.

Thanks

Lastly I would like to thank all the willing volunteers for preparing the activities and spending the time with the children. I know they gain a lot from it and appreciate the different activities we do with them.

If anyone has any queries or comments, please catch me after the service or email me.

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