



Craven Area Summer Newsletter

Letter from our Chair Pauline Tate

Hello to all our wonderful supporters who are always ready to help us through their giving of time and money and also, more importantly for your dedication to prayer for our work and the children in our area. Your support is essential to our work so a great big thank you to you.

Time just seems to have rushed by and, here we are, near the end of the summer term. I can't believe our new schools worker Bee has only been here since September as she has settled really well into the work for Craven. She had taken on the role with a gusto and is working very hard in our schools.

As an area we have had a very busy year fundraising with our coffee mornings and a concert from the Lakes Gospel Choir which were very successful, not only raising money for the work, but enabling us to get together and getting to know each other. Our AGM will be held on Thursday July 4th at 7pm at St Mary's Church, Ingleton and you are all very welcome to join us. We would love to meet you and share our work this year.

Pauline

Message from Bee Scott our school's worker

'Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.' Psalm 127:3 NLT. Every day I am grateful that I get to work with, and for, his children, and I'm so thankful to you for your ongoing support in this work.

Since the last newsletter I have settled into the work in Craven giving twice termly assemblies at Ingleton, Bentham, Clapham and Austwick Primary Schools. I have also organised and led Rewind to Easter with a fantastic team of volunteers, and help from the Support Group. We welcomed 65 children to Bentham Methodist Church and the feedback from the staff and the children themselves has been very positive.

Included in this newsletter is an activity calendar which shows the work I have been doing since I took over from Sue. I currently work 8 hours a week for the Craven area, and this includes admin, club and assembly preparation, meetings, travel, and NISCU team days etc., but these are not noted on the calendar.

I have had the pleasure of regularly attending the Ingleton prayer meetings and am always very grateful for this time to update the group and pray with them.

In the last few weeks of term I will be focusing on transition lessons for Year 6 moving on to Secondary School. My work in the NISCU South Lakes Team means I have a club at QES where a majority of them will be going, so it is a nice bridge for them knowing there will be a friendly face at the other end! Thanks for your support and prayers - Bee



Letter from our CEO

Hello all,

This is now my third year of being the CEO of NISCU, and as we approach the summer, I look forward to meeting many of you at our AGM's. I always find these opportunities extremely valuable and quite humbling. To know we have so many people supporting the work of NISCU is humbling, and then to meet many of you I find most encouraging, and feel very grateful.

As we continue to move forward in supporting our children and young people, I find it saddening that the world reports a rise in self-harm, drug and alcohol abuse, and more and more issues around solitude and insular behaviour. This shouldn't come as a surprise to us, we were told 2000 years ago that

“A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy.”

This is the way that the world works, and particularly for our children and young people, the thief is stealing our sleep, our friends, our family, our hope, our dignity, our lives. And yet, there is still hope, Jesus responded to the thief by then saying that

“I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.” John 10:10 (The Message)

I have to keep on putting my trust in the God who says that He is the answer to the problems of our world, by letting Him be that. To continually work to let our children and young people see that there is a different way of living, a different way of hoping, and a different way of dreaming.

As we move forwards as an organisation, this next year we will be telling children and young people in over 275 schools across our areas that the only way they can have a better life is found in knowing and trusting in Jesus.

If you are interested in joining us on this journey, and find out how you can be a part of this real hope, then the easiest way is to pop to your local celebration evening/AGM, and let's not only dream of a better life for our children together, but find ways to help them actually live that life.

God bless you all,

Nick Klein NISCU CEO

