

“My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Ps 121:2

Fiona

Praise and thanks

- For the past academic year and the opportunities that I have had to tell of God’s love
- For the amount of schools that have taken up transition lessons and the opportunity to speak directly with children to prepare them for secondary school and changes in life generally
- For the supporters, team and all concerned with NISCU for the Christian love that is shown to each and every student, member of staff and school

Hayley

Praise and thanks

- **Nelson Thomlinson prayer spaces!** The school really engaged with this and more work there has come out of it.
- **Newtown!** They loved transition and are planning more Christian-based sessions next year which includes a question-and-answer session to share my story with the young people.
- That our God is bringing young people and staff to Him in schools and that doors are so open to the gospel!

General

- **Prayer spaces:** Praise for recent opportunities to hold prayer spaces in some of our secondary schools, where children are encouraged to be thankful/think about themselves, their

relationships, their words, their hopes for themselves and world.

- **Strategy** – Pray for the staff and committee as we look to the Lord for his leading in the coming year.

Pleas please

- Smooth transition for students and staff as term restarts in September
- A restful (and safe) summer, dwelling in God’s love and learning more of Him as vigour and vitality are renewed
- For schools to embrace the visits and services we can offer in the name of God, that all may hear of our boast in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Gal 6:14)

Fiona leaves us this summer.

- We thank our Father God for all she has contributed and for the many people He has spoken to through her. We ask His blessing on her new job.
- Pray for wisdom about replacing her.

Pleas please

- A restful summer!
- That everything that has been said and done in schools is nurtured and watered by a local Christian.
- Prayer for September!

Holiday clubs we know of

22—26 July: Brampton Churches Together
30 July—2 Aug: Stanwix & Belah
27—30 Aug & Sun 1 Sept:
Houghton & Kingmoor Holiday club

- **Pray for young people** who are aware of areas where they need help. (eg broken home relationships, bullying, friendship issues)

Rachel

Praise and thanks

- For the great number of opportunities we have had in schools this year. I am still buzzing about Easter!!
- For the opportunity to run a prayer space in Central Academy! Being a visible presence in the whole school all week but also having so many volunteers from many local churches and a chance positive meeting with the new head teacher starting in Sept ☺. Please pray for the young people that it will help them have a quest to seek and find God for themselves in a real way!!
- Being able to partner with the local churches to spread the gospel!! Being able to work together to tell more and more about Jesus is just an incredible experience and opportunity. So many positive links!

Puppets

Praise and thanks

- Thanking God for his continual grace by keeping us safe on our journeys too and from schools each week – and for the forthcoming rest over the summer
- Praising God for the joy in seeing so many children singing on the way out of assembly having had a space of grace to hear about his love for them
- Rejoicing that we have the privilege to carry his message into schools and the freedom we have to share our faith in often very dark situations for some of these children

Pleas please

- For healing for some of our team members and their families. We miss them when they can’t journey with us
- Ongoing prayer for new members
- For wisdom in making decisions about the future commitments for the teams

Pleas please

- For those getting exam results that they will know their value is in Jesus, not in their grades!!
- It feels the end of an era with my youngest leaving primary school!!
- A good rest – tired now!!
- Wisdom and guidance for the team as we look at strategy and next steps.

PRAYER MEETING: 7:30pm—8.30pm

• 19th August • 21st October

SUMMER SUPPER:

16th September: 6.30pm—8.30pm
Please invite a friend to come too!
It would be good to encourage others to hear about the opportunities in our schools

Teaching staff moving on

- Current head of Crosby will be head of Caldew Lea in Sept.
- Current head of Lees Hill will be Head of Crosby in Sept. Teacher stepping up into head teacher rôle at Lees Hill.
- Head of Hallbankgate leaving (moving away) and existing teacher at school stepping up to be head teacher in Sept
- New head: Richard Rose Central Academy
- Please pray for them, for other staff moving schools in the summer, and for newly qualified teachers as they begin their careers

A listening service?

- Would a listening service offered to schools be invaluable in a needy generation of young people? Rachel will offer a course sometime next term. Pray some will take up the opportunity and use the skills learned in many ways including in our local schools.