

St Andrew's Children's Ministry Prayer Bulletin: Spring Term 2019.

Hi all, thanks for reading! We have so much to celebrate within the children's ministry at St Andrews! Please join us in praying prayers of praise and thanks to our generous father!

Prayers of Praise and thanks:

Children are turning to Jesus! Since January nearly 20 children have said they want to know more of Jesus with 15 of those praying a prayer to invite him into their lives! As a team, we are so delighted and utterly blown away.

A fantastically committed team: The team of volunteers that we have are amazing and so dedicated. They are such a joy!

Schools Work: schools work continues to be a real highlight of my week. St Andrew's invited me to be a judge in their 'St Andrew's has talent' show last term which was such great fun and an amazing way to go deeper in relationship with students, staff and parents.

Overlapping of Ministry areas: it's been such a joy this term to see where God is overlapping the different areas of children's ministry and wider church ministries to build relationships.

Football Ministry: this is a newish branch of children's ministry running since last Autumn. It's really engaged some children who were struggling with coming to groups every week and shows them that we care about what they enjoy. They spend time playing football, time in prayer and of course they have some 'Jesus input'.

Flame group: Last term we asked the Flame group what they wanted to know – we framed this as 'Big Questions' and they didn't disappoint! They challenged us to answer some really difficult theological questions! After asking the questions to us, we as a Flame team, wrote our Sunday morning sessions aimed at answering their questions one at a time. We thank God for their inquisitiveness and praise him that this is a safe place to ask those questions.

Family Socials: We've had two family socials so far this year; they've been great fun and a great place for families to connect and for children to socialise and make deep friendships. I'm really thankful for those families that have been able to attend and the connections that the children are making.

Prayers of Requests:

New Season – as a team we feel that we need to do something different this term. We're merging the Flame and Livewires groups. Please pray that God will be in this and he'll bless what goes on there and bring forth more team to support the small group work – no prep necessary if God is prompting you 😊.

Spree: Pray for all children (and youth) are attending Spree that they will have an awesome time. Pray especially for those who don't know Jesus to start a relationship with him and for those that are already on that journey that they will come away with a deeper understanding of who he is for them.

Vision: Things are slowly changing in all aspects of children's ministry – I'd really appreciate your prayers for clear vision from God and the ability to cast that vision to the wider church.

Thank you, faithful praying folk!

God bless, Carrie

