



FISS are back!

FISS Newsletter

October 2020

Hi, and welcome to our first, post lockdown, newsletter! Having been on furlough since April, Catherine and I returned to work on the 21st September, just after the schools went back.

We're excited to be back, albeit, with new procedures and working practices in place. The biggest of these, is that we are predominantly, working from home and are not currently able to go into schools.

'A big problem', I hear you say! Not so! We see it as a huge opportunity to access schools in a way that we have not been able to do so, before. Read on to find out more.

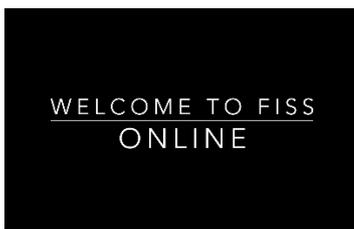
We were already beginning to look at a new way of doing things in FISS. This was what we wrote in the Spring newsletter:

...It's been eighteen months since Catherine began working for FISS and six months for myself (Christina). During that time, and as things continue, it is becoming clear that FISS is acquiring a new character. New, because we are different people; new because there are two of us (and that requires a different way of working); new because there is scope for new opportunities but most importantly; new, because God is leading us forwards. New ideas keep cropping up and new links are being forged with the YoYo Trust (who do a similar job in York). However, if we are to refresh and renew successfully, it needs to be God's plan, carefully discerned and executed...

None of that has changed. It has just taken on a new dimension.

With the lack of school visits, we have more time to take stock and plan. We are making good use of the 'North Yorkshire Agreed RE Syllabus - 2019-2024'. This is what schools in North Yorkshire are currently using to inform their Religious Education teaching. It is an excellent document and enables us to see which aspects of Christianity schools are looking to teach. As Christianity makes up a large part of RE teaching in schools, it gives us a fantastic opportunity to serve schools and to deliver some of this teaching for them.

A New Way of Doing Things



We are not only planning for when we are able to go back into schools (that could still be six months to a year away). We are also busy, writing and filming new assemblies to send into schools. We have already sent our first, Harvest

themed assembly and have received good responses to it. Being new to all this technology, we hope to improve our skills as time goes on!

Our biggest project at the moment, is the Christmas Journey. This is an Interactive Nativity that we delivered to years three and four last year in conjunction with SCF church. We cannot deliver it in the same, live format this year, so are looking to adapt the script and pre-record five, short sections that can be live streamed to schools over the course of a week. We will then provide carefully planned activities (tied into the National Curriculum aims) that the schools can use.

Please Pray for Us

We hope and pray that these resources will be used in classes across Scarborough. We also hope that it may give schools, where we are not currently invited, a flavour of what FISS is about. Please pray that this will encourage schools, who may have been wary of what we do, to engage with us in the future.

These are difficult but exciting times. God has provided us with new opportunities, and we ask that you pray for God's love and purposes to be fulfilled in all the work that we do. Please pray that God will work through us as we seek to work for the good of schools and children in, and around, Scarborough.

Fundraising



Faith in Scarborough Schools are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/faithinscarboroughschools/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1

Thank you so much!

Dates for your Diary

22 nd October, 2020	Trustees Meeting (postponed AGM from last year!)
This year's full AGM	January – Date to be confirmed