



INSPIRE

INSIGHTS, SNAPSHOTS & NEWS

AUTUMN TERM 2022

A WORD FROM MIKE (CEO)

Usually in autumn, I find myself looking forward to a year of exciting outreach and projects to make Jesus known amongst children, but this year has got to be up there with one of the most exciting autumns ever!

Schools are back to 'normal', with doors wide open to our visits, 'It's Jesus' has launched and the response is everything we hoped for. Our Lambeth Hub has restarted with a fresh team and new office. We are about to launch a Croydon Hub and are already making great new connections. We praise God every day for His provision and guidance in reaching children and schools.

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'Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray'
- 'It's Jesus!' Resource

PRAY WITH US

We really appreciate your prayer support and would firstly ask that you give thanks for us being able to get back into schools this term - we have missed seeing the children and teachers and are so grateful to be doing assemblies and lessons etc again in person.

Please pray for:

- the **'It's Jesus' resources** currently being delivered in schools - that children will enjoy learning more about who Jesus is and exploring the relevance of what He did and what He can mean to people today

“Your video assemblies have been a wonderful resource for us, thank you so much!

- Lewisham School

“God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

Spinnaker verse of the term

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL

for the wonderful responses following our recent **schools survey**. We asked questions about the quality of our work and about our collective worship (assemblies) and RE lessons. The response was overwhelmingly positive with 85% of schools rating us as excellent and 15% as good, and 74% of respondents gave a score of 5/5 for our online resources! With some helpful comments and feedback received, it was a worthwhile exercise and gave the team a real boost.

“A fantastic contribution to improving the RE across the school and bringing new ideas into the learning of RE that children have remembered

- Lambeth School

- **our finances** - that God will continue to provide what we need
- **more volunteers** to join us and get involved with their local schools
- **our team** as they go into schools to lead collective worship and speak about their faith

“I could not rate it high enough. The children are thoroughly engaged throughout.

- Eastbourne School

FINANCE REPORT

Susie Arthur, Treasurer

It is our ongoing testimony of God's provision, and thanks to the generosity of the individuals, churches and grant makers we partner with, that donations to support the team have remained steady.

Overall income for the year totalled £112,837.

Expenses for the year totalled £138,806.

The deficit had been planned for as we were blessed to have a legacy gift which could be used to support the increase in staffing levels and activity in schools during the year, together with work on the exciting 'It's Jesus!' Project. A big thank you to everyone who has supported us. The full Annual Report & Accounts will be published on our website.

WE'VE DONE IT!

Our target was to raise £35,000 to celebrate 35 years of Spinnaker and we are really excited to announce that we exceeded our target and raised **£48,325!**

THANK YOU!

35 FOR 35

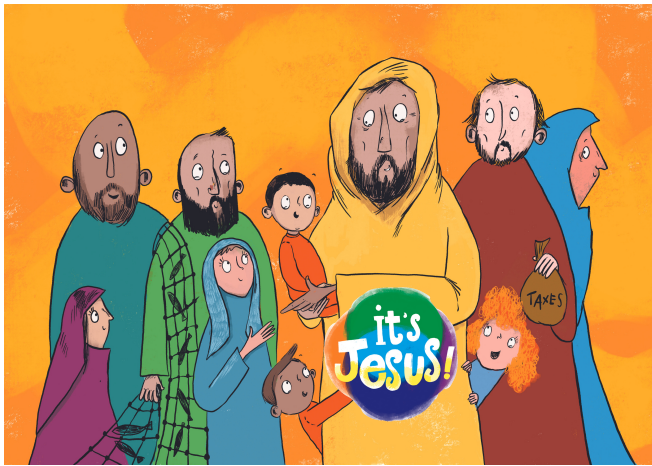


SPINNAKER CHRISTMAS CARDS

We love the assembly illustrations so much, we decided to create a Christmas card for people to purchase. Please go to our website to place an order - www.spinnaker.org.uk/christmascards

Illustration by Sarah Horne, commissioned for the 'It's Jesus!' resource series by Spinnaker Trust

THE RESPONSE TO 'IT'S JESUS!' IN OUR SCHOOLS HAS BEEN SO EXCITING!



Would you like to support the 'It's Jesus!' Project by sponsoring an assembly? Simply follow the link for details.



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When the children come into assembly and sit down there is often a buzz of excitement as they see the logo from the first slide. One little girl waited until her class was leaving and then came up to me with a big smile and said "Thank you for the amazing assembly". One of the things I like best about this series is that at the end of every assembly we ask what can be learnt about Jesus from the story or picture. As a result, we get to hear things like: "Jesus is kind", "he is brave", "fearless", "he raises people from the dead" (we haven't done that story yet). Children start sentences with words like: "In my opinion" or "I think that", and we can clearly see that they are getting the opportunity to reflect on what they have heard and to make connections with what they may already know and believe.

Sam Oakes, Hub Leader Eastbourne

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