

September 2018

Dear Parents

Youth and children's groups, Autumn 2018

We hope you have had a great summer and that your children and young people are looking forward to the term ahead?

After the summer break, the Sunday morning groups begin again this Sunday, 2nd September, and all of us are looking forward to welcoming everyone back and getting stuck into our series for this term. The Over and Out group will be looking at the theme of 'Christian Foundations' and other groups will be following a series on Old Testament Bible characters.

At this start of term, we thought it might be helpful to share with you our overall aims and vision. Within the youth and children's work at NMBC we aim to:

- Encourage children and young people to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Help them to explore and understand God's Word and how it applies to daily life.
- Develop and awareness of the person and work of the Holy Spirit.
- Work together with parents to give the children and young people in our care a firm foundation for faith in the living God, and a clear sense of their identity and self-worth.

As a reminder, the age group structure of the Sunday groups is as below:

Group	Age group	Overall Leader(s)
Crèche	0-2 (Babies and Toddlers)	Di Bishop
Seedlings	3-4 (Nursery)	Ann and Andy Farmilo
Thumbs Up	4-7 (Reception - Y2)	Jill Mumford and Joan Daniel
Kingdom Kids	7-11 (Y3-6)	Elly Keevil and Stuart Burrows
Over and Out	11-15 (Y7-10)	Analice Miná Collyer

Simon Bramwell oversees the children's work and Analice Miná Collyer the youth work. They are very happy to discuss any issues or concerns you may have or to listen to any thoughts or ideas you may like to share. If, for any reason, you would prefer to speak to someone as an independent point of reference or advice then Caroline Wilson is the children and young people's advocate. She can be contacted initially on: caroline.wilson27@btinternet.com

In order to serve our children and young people as well as possible and in order to communicate effectively with you as parents it is very important that we hold appropriate, relevant information. Whilst many of you will have filled out a form at the beginning of the last academic year, we are keen to ensure that our information is as complete and up-to-date as possible so would be very grateful if you could complete the attached for each child and return, either electronically or in paper format to Simon, or Analice, as soon as possible. Your help with this is very much appreciated. In particular, if your child needs any particular help or support or understanding of any behavioural trends then please speak to one of us about this and include any relevant detail on the form.

Finally, as part of our commitment to pray for children, young people and families, a number of those involved in leading the Sunday morning groups will be meeting to pray this Sunday from 9.15am in the Prayer Room upstairs, before the service. Any parents are also very welcome to join us – we are all in it together!

We look forward to a great time with your children and young people over the coming term.

Every blessing

Simon, Analice and the Sunday Group Leaders