

## FACCTS Supporters' Update – Spring 2011



Welcome to the Spring 2011 issue of the regular newsletter that gives FACCTS supporters news of the organisation's activities in Fleet and Crookham over the last term.

**A key need** for FACCTS in 2011 is to increase donations from supporters and churches to replace the loss of donations from Fleet Family Church which has now closed. Please forward this newsletter to any friends you think would like to support our vital work with young people.

In **Junior schools** FACCTS, in partnership with the team from Fleet Methodist Church and supported by volunteers from hosting churches, presented the Easter story to over 500 students. Feedback has been very positive all round which makes the effort worthwhile. The presentations were:

- Fleet Methodist Church, hosted by Rev Stephen Robinson, to Heatherside; Velmead and All Saints Juniors schools.
- Church on the Heath, hosted by Rev David Price, to Elvetham Heath Primary School.
- Christ Church, hosted by Rev Mark Nicholls, to Crookham Junior School.

The team also delivered the presentation for the first time at St. Nicholas' School. Well done to all involved and thank you to the churches who helped us.

The weekly Christian lunchtime clubs ran at Heatherside, Velmead and Elvetham Heath schools. These clubs continue to grow in numbers and more importantly relationships with students and staff. Across all the clubs we engage with over 60 children per week.

In **Secondary schools** our weekly coffee mornings continue to 'infuse' staff morale with vital caffeine and encouragement at both Calthorpe Park and Court Moor schools. These mornings build relationships with staff and provide opportunities to discuss ideas for events and activities.

Helen, Sharon and Mischa delivered three successful assemblies at Court Moor for Years 8-10 and it was great to have Josh, the new youth worker at Fleet Baptist Church, help us. The assemblies presented a Christian message to approximately 600 young people. Helen assisted in the Calthorpe Fair Trade Conference with Year 6 students from all the local Junior schools. Over 100 young people participated and the Fair trade tuck shop for staff and students raised money for Living Stones.

Mischa participated in a successful Calthorpe Park Year 10 residential to Calshot in Southampton with over 45 students. Helen participated in her first Secondary school residential to York with over 100 Year 8 Calthorpe Park students. Both events provide time for students and staff get to know the FACCTS youth workers.

The '180' youth club is going well at Calthorpe, as is the Year 7 to 11 weekly homework club at Court Moor. We engage over 35 young people weekly between the two clubs.

Mischa continues to work on the final year of his Church Youth Ministry university degree and Helen is settling in well after joining in 2010. Mischa and other local ministers and youth workers participated in the Farnborough 6<sup>th</sup> Form College 'Grill-a-Christian' event. Organised by the fantastic Christian Union at the College, non-Christian people came to 'grill' a panel of Christians on a variety of topics; over 250 students attended and the debate was fantastic.

In addition to the need for additional finance mentioned above, please pray for our investigation into 'Bible Explorers' which looks to be potentially very valuable in our work in Junior schools. For more information see <http://www.bible.org.uk/index.php>