



Spring 2018 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

We hope this finds you well and ready for another year.

Session dates for this term are over the page as usual. It's quite a short term as Easter is right at the beginning of April, but plenty of time to fit in lots of crafts and activities at Shining Stars.

A very warm welcome to Dianne who is joining our team of volunteers on a regular basis. She has been coming to Shining Stars for some time but the children in her care have all moved up to pre-school so we are delighted that she has decided to stay on to give us a helping hand. Also a welcome to Jo Smith who will be helping out once every half term. Jo is very involved in the children's activities at church so we are very grateful that she can find time for Shining Stars as well.



What we did last term

Hopefully you managed to see our lovely cloud of angels displayed at the church over Christmas. The Angel Fest was very successfully and attracted extra visitors to the church. Maybe we'll do it again next year....?

As well as the usual wonderful pictures and crafts (more photos on our Facebook page), we filled 20 shoeboxes with toys and gifts for less fortunate children. At the time of writing we haven't heard where they ended up but we will let you all know as soon as we do.



Who:

For 0-4 year olds and their parents/carers.



When:

10am to 11:30am on Fridays in term time.



Where:

The Scout Hut, Rhode Lane, Uplyme, DT7 3TX. Parking available.



How much:

We suggest a donation of £1 per child.

Safety First

Please read and be aware of the main points:

- 1) Adults are responsible, at all times, for all children and babies that they bring to the session.
- 2) Car park - The gate is open and there are moving vehicles whose driver may not be able to see small children.
- 3) Hot drinks - when not drinking, please keep the lid closed and away from children.
- 4) Piano - do not allow children to open the lid as fingers could be trapped.
- 5) Tidying up - please take care when lifting and moving heavy items.
- 6) Fire - there are two fire exits, the main entrance and the door from the storage/toilet area onto the car park. The assembly point is by the shed.

Session Dates

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| 12th Jan | Open - New term starts |
| 19th Jan | Open |
| 26th Jan | Open |
| 2nd Feb | Open |
| 9th Feb | Open |
| 16th Feb | Closed - Half term |
| 23rd Feb | Open |
| 2nd Mar | Open |
| 9th Mar | Open |
| 16th Mar | Open |
| 23rd Mar | Open |
| 30th Mar to 13th Apr | Closed for Easter |
| 20th Apr | Open - New term starts |

Congratulations to Laura and James on the birth of Ozias, in November. It was lovely to see them at Shining Stars and we wish the family well.



MEET THE VOLUNTEERS



Carol

When Carol first offered her help at Shining Stars it was to do the setting up - making sure the room is clean and safe and getting out all the toys and equipment in time for the children's arrival. But now she does a full session at least once a month as well being on our emergency list to step in when we are a person short.

Carol is involved in three choirs and organises the Church Christmas fair amongst other things so we are very grateful that she finds time for Shining Stars.

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