

October 2018

Dear Parents

### **Mid-term update – NMBC Youth and children's work**

We hope that you and your families have had a good first few weeks of term?

We are writing to let you know about a couple of events coming up in the near future and also to update you on a couple of admin matters.

The two weekends over the October half-term week will involve an **All Age Service on 21<sup>st</sup> October** (where it will be great to have the involvement and ideas of our young people) and an **All Together time on 28<sup>th</sup> October** when Thumbs Up, Kingdom Kids and Over and Out will be thinking about the Christmas shoebox, Operation Christmas Child Appeal. On that morning we hope to collectively put together a few shoeboxes to send so, if possible, would love children to bring in a small gift (shoebox compatible) which they can contribute. Ideas for suitable gifts can be found at the following link. We may aim to make up one shoebox for each age category (2-4, 5-9, 10-14 years): <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

Just after half-term, on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**, we will be holding a **Pumpkin Heroes party for children of primary school age**. Physical invitation cards will be available as of this weekend (electronic version attached). We hope that as many of our children as possible will be able to come along and we would love to encourage them to bring along their friends from school. There will be games, stories, craft, food and fancy dress fun and we aim to celebrate the light and life that we have been given and to invite our friends to join us. **It is really helpful to us for the purposes of preparation and catering to know attendance in advance**, especially if bringing more than one friend along. If this is not possible then feel free to just turn up on that afternoon, but ideally please contact Analice to confirm: [youth@nmbc.org.uk](mailto:youth@nmbc.org.uk)

Aside from the events, from a general admin point of view, we would like to stress that it really helps us if all parents can return an information form about their children (these are again attached). Thank you to those who have returned these already.

The church's updated safeguarding policy was agreed at the church meeting in the first week of October. The relevant documents can be found on the Children and Youth Groups page of the NMBC website: <http://www.nmbc.org.uk/index.php?zonename=twentyfourseven11>

It is a privilege and a joy to be able to work together with you and your children and young people. If you have any queries or would like to discuss any aspect of the work, do please feel free to drop us a line.

Every blessing

Simon and Analice