

SPARKLERS

COOL STARS

XCC

Welcome back to the Autumn Term of Cool Christians. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and have settled back into the new year at school. There are lots of things to look forward to, so make sure to mark your diaries with the exciting events we have in store for you.

Dates for your diary:

Harvest Festival Sunday – 6 October - The children will be leading the prayers that day (written by themselves) and will also do the reading.

The Light Party – Thursday 31 October (5:00-7:00pm) in the church hall for seasonal fun, games and food. Come dressed in brightly coloured clothes (no Halloween costumes please) and we'll banish the darkness of Halloween.



Christingle – 24 December (4:30pm) - Once again we will be hosting our immensely popular Nativity and Christingle service on Christmas Eve. We often only have standing room available so make sure to arrive early if you can. Children (and adults too) are encouraged to come dressed as a character from the Nativity, including the animals, and to take part in the service.

Plans for the Christmas season, however, start much earlier. In November we will once again be asking families to provide books for **Ealing Home-Start**.

These books will be handed out by Father Christmas at the Home-Start Christmas Party in early December. This event provides a gift for very young children not as fortunate or privileged as our own.

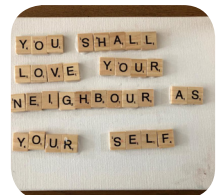
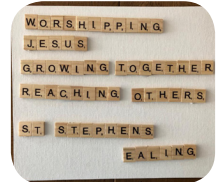
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A look back at last term

In **June** the children looked at Jesus' parable of 'The Lost Sheep'



Over two sessions in **July** Cool Stars and XCC looked at Bible, passages that held meaning for them, and St Stephen's Mission Statement and created scrabble tile art work. Cool Christians also held a party at **Elthorne Gym** which was kindly sponsored by SKB. 26 children and 20 adults attended for fun and games.



A huge thank-you to Martyn Verity for his work over the last 6 years, as both a leader and Co-Coordinator of Cool Christians, from leading XCC and Combined sessions each term, to helping run the annual party, two summer gym parties and even performing in several Pantos. All the children have loved his enthusiasm and teaching.



Bible Topics for the coming term

8 September	The wonders of God	Psalms 19
15 September	God wins	Psalms 20
22 September	God is near	Psalms 22:1-5
29 September	God is good	Psalms 23
6 October	<i>All Age Service</i>	
13 October	Time to be wise	Psalms 119:9-165, Proverbs 10
20 October	Power to heal	Matthew 8:1-4
27 October	Officers' orders	Matthew 8:5-13
3 November	<i>All Age Service (There will be a short drama involving some of the children.)</i>	
10 November	Storm stopper	Matthew 8:23-27
17 November	5,000 for lunch	Matthew 15:32-39
24 November	Of royal descent	Matthew 1:18-25, Isaiah 7:14
1 December	<i>All Age Service</i>	
8 December	Royal visit	Matthew 2:1-12, Isaiah 60:1-3
15 December	Trusting Mary	Luke 1:26-38



Although there are no children's groups on during the All Age services we do hope you'll come along and take part as the children are often involved in fun and exciting plays, performances and of course we sing happy birthday each month to celebrate with those whose birthday is in the coming month.

In 2018-2019 CC's collection was for **Ealing Soup Kitchen** and £379.00 was raised through weekly collections and our March cake sale. This year we have chosen **Hospices of Hope**, 'the only international charity dedicated to relieving the suffering of children and adults with terminal illnesses in South East Europe'. For more information please see the leaflets in the small hall dispenser or go to their website www.hospicesofhope.co.uk



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making every day count



Many of you will know Morgen Edwards as the Communications Manager from the Church office and Sparklers leader. She has now been appointed as Children's Worker too and will be working closely with Celia and the other leaders. Morgen will endeavour to continue to bring the fun and excitement to Cool Christians that Martyn had so wonderfully done over the last few years.

Our wonderful CC Leaders, co-led by
Celia Manwaring and Morgen Edwards, are:
Rebecca Wall and Morgen Edwards in Creche and Sparklers (ages 0-5)
Li Xiaoe and Sophie Johnson in Cool Stars (ages 5-7)
Jonathan Culling, James Morrow,
Lucy Harding-Anderson and Teresa Morrish -Griffin (ages 8-11)

If you would like to be more involved in the Cool Christians Leaders team please speak to Celia Manwaring or Morgen Edwards.