

Sutton Schoolwork

Prayer Update April 2021



Director's Note

I will only give a short prayer update this month, as I'm committing much more information and thought to the Spring Newsletter which will follow shortly, but I did want to spend a while highlighting some key issues for prayer this month. After all, it's the prayers of the faithful that are the engine room of SSW, and, no matter how much I waffle on, seeking the will of God through prayer is what this update is all about.

So, some key points this month....

We reach the end of the term with still no plan from schools as to when they will allow us back in to perform our core provision. It seems that the teachers, quite understandably, have been simply focusing on reaching this point with minimal disruption, and will begin to think about next term over the holidays. Please pray that many will turn their minds back to SSW, and will seek to reach out to us to be included in their summer plans. We are contacting each school anyway, but we do believe God works before we even get there, so please ask Him to enable us to be welcomed back as soon as possible.

Sarah leaves us in a few weeks to begin a new chapter in her own life, and Abby will move seamlessly into the space left! Please lift both of them up, as each will be dealing with very new challenges (albeit very different ones), and they will both be needing the strength and love of God.

Secondary schools have been effectively silent, with little or no response from virtually all. Please pray that we may see a revival of SSW within these schools.

We are hoping to launch a new prayer and pastoral support programme in secondary schools, linked to Kintsugi Hope. Messages have gone out to all our schools, with the prayer that they may see this as something more than just an attempt by local Christians to get into their establishment, but actually a genuine offer to provide help and support to many of their pupils who will have found these last 12 months incredibly hard. Please pray that the launch of this will bear fruit for the Kingdom.

Financially, God has supported us so well, and we are genuinely thankful for His provision. However, it is very apparent that we will begin to find cash flow challenging very soon, as none of our schools have paid

for any provision this year, and those charitable trusts which often support us are themselves finding their own financial funding being constrained, and are therefore we are already receiving messages to indicate a lowering if not a removal of previous support.

SSW is now in its 25th year, and normally one would be planning some kind of marker to celebrate. I'm finding it really difficult to even contemplate what we could do that would be suitable, as we would want it to be an opportunity to actually get together to thank God and to pray for even more, but, as you probably understand, setting a date in stone is next to impossible at the moment.

However, as we are so often reminded, nothing is impossible for Him, so we pray.

And, once again, we thank you for your prayers.

In His name

Simon

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Primary Prayer Requests

1. [Pray for staff and pupils](#). Please pray for the staff and pupils in our Sutton Primary Schools - for peace and rest during the Easter holidays, for health and protection, and for good times with friends and family
2. [Please also pray for the summer term](#), that schools would be happy to have us back in, in some capacity.
3. [Please pray for Sarah, Shaun and the baby](#). Sarah's baby is due on the 29th April. Please pray for everything to go well.



Secondary Prayer Requests

- 1) [Kintsugi Hope](#) - Please pray for our new exciting opportunity, Kintsugi Hope. An emotional well-being group that runs for 6 weeks, we are currently offering this to our Secondary Schools. Please pray Schools will take this opportunity up and it would be well received by students.
- 2) [More contact](#) – Please pray for more contact from schools



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