



# The Year of 2019

2019 has been a year of change as we have said goodbye to both team and trustees. We look forward to developing new relationships in the coming year.

Our challenges this year have been mostly financial. Our funding comes through donations from individuals and from churches, trusts and other supporting organisations. This year has seen a significant drop in donations for a variety of reasons but we continue to trust that God will provide for our every need as we continue to seek his will for Splash!

2019 has also been another year of blessings and opportunities for Splash! The schools' work continues to grow and develop and is such an amazing opportunity to share the love of God with so many. Our work with local churches always brings great joy as we support and meet with so many who share in our vision.

## Board of Trustees

There have been some big changes to the board of trustees this year. In the last eighteen months Alyson Heath, Liz Burt and John Riddell have stepped down from being trustees at Splash. We are very grateful for all that they have done over many years and have greatly valued their work with Splash. We will miss their experience and wisdom on the board but are very grateful that they continue to support us as an organisation.

We are immensely blessed to have new trustees join us this year. Our current trustee board is:

Dan Jenkins (Chair)  
Michelle Leach  
Sally Richardson

Ben Sheldon  
Sara-Jane Stevens  
Dani Taylor

More information about our trustees can be found on our website.



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# Splash Team

This year we have said goodbye to two members of our team. Christina, our youth worker and Emma, our administrator left in the summer. We do miss them but we know they are enjoying their new careers very much!

## Youth Work

In January we took the decision to discontinue the parish youth work we had been delivering on behalf of Storrington and Sullington Parish Council. We have very much enjoyed working with the parish council over a number of years but now is the time to move in a different direction.

We continue to work with our young volunteers, developing their team skills and leadership. This year we had over twenty young people helping at our thakeham holiday club - from tech to team leaders, providing worship, running activities and spending time encouraging, reassuring and entertaining the children. They are an amazing group of young people who are a blessing to society.

In February we partnered with St Mary's Church in Billingshurst to host a youth alpha course. The young people who attended really enjoyed it and some great conversations were had. We look forward to running another in the future.



## Churches and Communities

We have enjoyed joining with our local communities and churches again this year. It is always a pleasure to get out into the community and meet with parents, children and church members to talk about what we do. We have attended school fairs, village fetes, church weekends and church family services and we have loved them all! Thank you for inviting us to all these events.



# Assemblies

Date	Assembly	How Many Delivered
Jan 7th – Feb 13th	Gratitude	31 Assemblies
Mar 3rd – Apr 3rd	What a Wonderful World	31 Assemblies
May 10th – July 10th	Inclusivity	31 Assemblies
Sept 13th – Oct 23rd	Time Alone	32 Assemblies
Nov 11th – Dec 16th	Down to Earth (Christmas)	31 Assemblies

Our partnered schools this year have received five different assemblies, one assembly in each half term but just one in the summer term. The summer is a very busy time for us here in the office and also for schools with SATs, sports days and end of school year performances and activities.



The Spring term started with us presenting an assembly on “The Attitude of Gratitude”, telling the story of the ten lepers where only one came back to Jesus to say thank you. The second half term delivered our assembly talking about “What a wonderful world, and how we should look after it”, using the verse from the Genesis that says ““Be responsible for fish in the sea, and birds in the air and for every living thing that moves on the face of the earth.”

Our Summer term concentrated on us encouraging the children to be inclusive, telling them part of the story of Paul and Barnabas and including John Mark in their travels. We also showed a lovely video of Elmo learning what the word “include” actually meant, which went down very well.

The Autumn term began with us sharing with the children how important it is to actually spend some time alone, to disconnect themselves from techy gadgets and to learn that being alone does not mean you have to be bored. We told the children how Jesus often chose to spend time alone, to prepare, to refresh or to spend time in prayer to His father.

We have finished 2019 with our Christmas assembly which we based around a song called “He is down to Earth.” This assembly has taken us away from thinking about Jesus the baby, and we have encouraged the children to think about who this baby Jesus actually grew up to be. We told the story about Jesus surprising his disciples by letting the children come to Him, saying that they were very important indeed.

Our assemblies are still greatly received by both staff and pupils and the team continue to feel hugely privileged to be able to share the Gospel with so many children in our locality.

# Holiday Clubs

## THE GREATEST SHOWKIDS HOLIDAY CLUB

The team gathered together in Thakeham this summer to talk, play, sing and dance. Over fifty children and twenty-five young people came together to discover that Jesus was not in fact a magician but a miracle worker! A circus themed Zacchaeus came to visit and we learned to juggle.. It was a lovely week with so many great conversations and opportunities to share how unique and special we are in God's eyes and how much he loves each and every one of us. A big thank you to all those who supported us, whether through prayer or by volunteering. We could not do it without you. Our holiday club next year will be 27th July to 1st August. If you would like to get involved please get in touch with us.



## PETWORTH KIDS CLUB

Lois says ....Summer Kids Club in Petworth this year focussed on theme of "God's Wonderful World." It started with us talking to the children about caring for this wonderful world that God has given us and the responsibility that comes with it, the caring and being responsible for it all. Kids Club was attended by up to 90 children on most days and was full on and noisy, but such a wonderful time was had by all; children and leaders alike.



Once again the young leaders were a privilege and a pleasure to work with and the adult leaders just managed their own roles like clockwork. There was huge enthusiasm and plenty of laughs from everyone.

Sharing my faith and love of Jesus with the children and volunteers was again a real blessing. The lunchtimes were very well attended by so many parents and families, and were a great opportunity for conversations and developing friendships.

## BILLINGHURST KIDS HOLIDAY CLUB

We were delighted to join with St Mary's Church in Billingshurst this year to host an autumn half term holiday club. Part of our work here at Splash is to equip and enable churches to run events and this was a great opportunity. The Splash team joined in with the many volunteers from St Mary's to organise the programme of songs, games, stories and crafts for children from 4 to 9. It was a fantastic week with time to share God's goodness and light to all those involved.

