

Children's work / Young People's Groups - 2020

Superstars and BFG's ran from January until March 2020, when it had to stop due to Covid. I led a couple of Superstars sessions during that time and also assisted Frances. Aside from one session that had only one child, attendance at Superstars was reasonably good with at least 4/5 children each time.

I took on the task of co-ordinating the Sunday school rota just before autumn, and Superstars was able to restart in September 2020. Between September and 13 December there were 7 sessions (Superstars only), and of these I ran 5 of them. Attendance was never less than 4/5 children. One of them was old enough to be in BFG's, but as there were no other older children he was happy to join Superstars (where his sister was) and in fact it worked very well. Due to the service only being 45 minutes long, the session was shorter than usual but we always managed to fit a lot in.

It felt like we were short of leaders Sept-Dec but this was only because I had also created a rota for the BFG's, which as stated above, did not go ahead due to numbers.

The new rota for Jan-March 2021 (which did not go ahead) was only done for Superstars, therefore freeing up leaders from BFG's, so the load would have been much better shared and I am sure this will be the case going forward. In addition to this James has advised that he would like to lead one Superstars group per term.

We continue to use the Energise website for material and resources. Energise looks at concepts such as faith, grace, etc, and links them into Bible stories and how to apply these things to everyday life. There are also many ideas for games, some relevant to the Christian teaching for that particular session, some just for fun. Specific sessions are selected in advance by James, often to fit in with the sermon that Sunday.

In summary, 2020 has been a good year for Superstars and all the children who had attended prior to lockdown, returned after lockdown. BFG's however has not run since early 2020 and currently there is only 1 child of BFG age so it is unlikely to restart any time soon.

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