



**The BRAVE Trust**

## **Spring Newsletter April 2023**



**CHAIR of TRUSTEES writes....**

Dear Supporters,

It's great to be able to send out a newsletter updating you on what's been happening in our local schools so far this year.

We're delighted that Rachael (our schools worker) has continued to visit Edwinstree Middle School in Buntingford each week – and has also been able to start visiting Great Hormead First School regularly. Thank you to all of you for praying for these new opportunities. Additionally, we hope that King James Academy in Royston will soon respond positively to pupils' request to start a lunchtime Christian Union there. Please pray that they will give the go-ahead soon. More details about Rachael's work are in this newsletter.

You'll also see the state of the BRAVE Trust's finances in this newsletter. At the moment we have a very good level of reserves, but our costs are currently in excess of our income. While this doesn't present us with an immediate problem, we will need to address this shortfall in our finances over the medium-term. So, if you know of anyone who would be interested in supporting our work (either by giving or in prayer), please put them in contact – as we value and appreciate all support.

So, once again, a big thank you to all of you for your recent support. We couldn't do any of this without your kind and generous support.

With best wishes for Easter,

*Jonathan*

Jonathan Scott  
Chair of the Trustees

## SCHOOL WORKER UPDATE



### **RACHAEL writes.....**

Over the past term I have been into Edwinstree to run the Collective Worship club every Monday Lunchtime. Throughout the academic year, four year 8 boys have attended consistently, the same boys I have had since the beginning of Year 7 and in the past two weeks, another Year 8 boy has re-joined the group. So far, this term, I have led 6 Collective worship sessions, with their help.

I continue to mentor six students throughout Monday mornings each week and this has resulted in the development of strong relationships. I have also had some opportunities to informally chat to a few members of staff throughout the school day and have had some interesting conversations with one quite tricky year 8 boy.

Towards the end of last half term, I emailed Wendy Mallett at Freman College, again to follow up on the previous suggestion of doing some pastoral chats with Year 9 students and delivering an assembly once or twice a term. She replied two weeks ago and we managed to meet on Teams last week (March 15<sup>th</sup>). She is keen for me to come into the college, on Thursday mornings from October, to start working with some year 9 students, once they have transitioned into the life of the College. This is not a definite arrangement, as yet, but is potentially a very exciting opportunity.

I continue to work in Hornead First School every Tuesday, delivering RE lessons, Collective worship sessions and setting up a different Prayer Space in the outdoor shed each week. I have chatted to the RE lead, Lauren Guillian, about running an after school worship club next term. This idea is still under consideration. The RE lessons have focused on teaching the children how to read the Bible, finding Bible passages, using chapter and verse and how to apply it to our lives. I have used the school's vision verse and the schools seven Values to do this, as well as associating each Value with a particular Bible story or passage. I have also run an Easter presentation for year 4 children, when we explored the true meaning of Easter and why Christians think it is so important.

Sadly, despite further follow up emails this term, two lower schools in Royston and the Primary School in Therfield have not been in contact with me.

### **Prayer Requests**

#### **THANKS:**

- For CoWo group at Edwinstree and the opportunity to deliver fortnightly Collective worship Sessions, as well as the continuation of the Christian Mentoring Programme with students in Years 6 to 8.
- For the support of the BRAVE trust by the Head and Deputy head teachers at Edwinstree Middle School
- For continuing to work, every week, in Hornead C of E First School.

#### **PRAY:**

- For the follow-on work with the Year 9s at Freman College to become a reality.

- For opportunities in the lower schools in Royston and the Primary school in Therfield.
- That I will trust in God's Sovereignty, regardless of what is happening.

## *Rachael*

Rachael Went, Schools Worker

## **Our financial position**

The BRAVE Trust finances continue to be in a healthy state. As expected we did end 2022 having spent more money than we received, due in part to having increased Rachael's working hours. While we do have sufficient reserves to cover this shortfall for the time being, we are still believing for extra regular income to help balance the books.

The annual accounts are in the process of being finalised and will be published in due course. Please get in touch if you would like a copy.

Please contact me if you if you or your church would like to become more involved in supporting the BRAVE Trust, or you would like to set up a Standing Order, make a Gift Aid declaration, or for help making a donation through Stewardship, CAF or online fundraising sites.

Thank you once again to all our supporters.

## *Paul*

Paul Brown, Treasurer, [treasurer@thebravetrust.org](mailto:treasurer@thebravetrust.org)



### **STOP PRESS.....DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.....STOP PRESS.....**

The BRAVE Trust Open Evening **Tuesday 27 June 2023** Royston Evangelical Church at 7:30 pm.

- Here from Rachael about the schools' work she is undertaking on our behalf
- Meet the BRAVE Trustees
- Pray together for the work of the BRAVE Trust, the schools we serve and the pupils and teachers, as well as for openings into other schools in the area
- Share some fellowship with different churches coming together over a cup of tea