



Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

Isa 43:18-19

# CiST Newsletter January 2019



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## Happy New Year!

A happy New Year to you all, our supporters and partners in this amazing ministry to our local schools. I am not sure about you, but this is often a time of reflection and planning for many. As a trust we are going through that process, both as a staff team and as trustees. As we look back, we do so with much thankfulness and amazement at what the Lord has enabled our team to do. We are now in contact with more schools than ever before, doing more things and reaching more young people and staff. We are finding that for us the doors of our schools are far from closed and our

staff team can share many aspects of the Christian faith.

Please continue to give thanks for all we can do and pray that the Lord will continue grow his work.

We have also been looking forward and already know that 2019 will be yet another year of change for us as a trust. We rejoice and yet are very sad that Jill Elston has informed us that she will be leaving us in the summer to enter training for the Church of England ministry. We will be very sad to see Jill go, she has been a real asset to us and has continued to develop the work especially in

the Heaton. However, the Lord has already blessed us, so we are thrilled to welcome Trudi Barrie, who joins us this month (read more about her in this newsletter). Changes will also be taking place to our website, besides doing lots of other things Emma our team leader is busy working on a new format for our website which we hope will make it more accessible. We also hope to have more new schools on board and partner up with more churches.

We would love to share with any churches or church groups something of the amazing things God is doing so if there are any opportunities within your Church why not get in touch and invite us along.

God Bless,

Steve Innes

# A look back at our year!

We have had an AMAZING year in 2018! It would be impossible to give you details of every story, of every project, and every lesson we have given and everything we have achieved, but we do have some amazing statistics to share with you!

In 2018, with our Storytelling, Easter, It's Your Move, Anti-bullying and Christmas projects, we delivered **237 primary school projects**, and we also delivered **129 primary school R.E lessons!**

In Secondary schools in 2018 we really upped our number of R.E lessons. We have had a huge increase, and delivered **50 lessons** across the year!

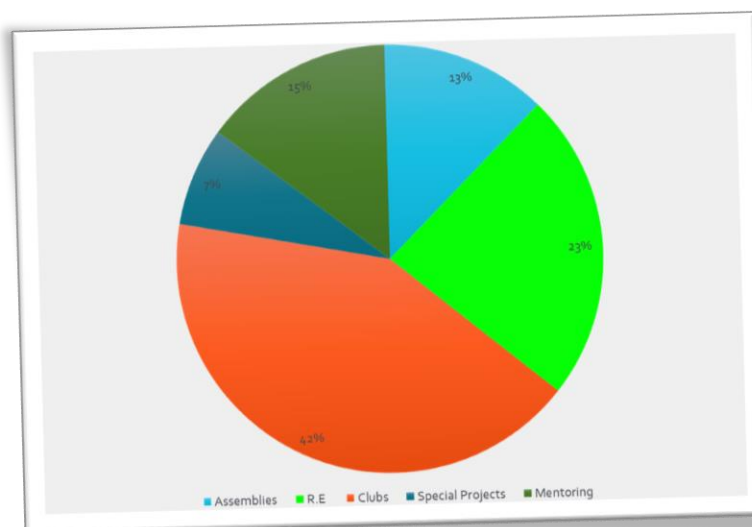
To give you some perspective on our work, I would like to

share with you the break down of where our time goes from our 2018 analysis.

In Primary schools, **48% of our work in the last year was Projects**, the largest

proportion of our workload. We are really pleased to report that our second largest proportion is **now R.E lessons at 26%** of our workload. This is amazing, as we have really pushed ourselves in R.E this year. 15% is Primary assemblies, and in a new high, 8% is Guardians clubs which have been a new initiative of 2018. 3% are R.E days!

Contrastingly, our work in Secondary schools is quite different. The largest proportion of our work is **still clubs at 42%**, which demonstrates the difference between how we

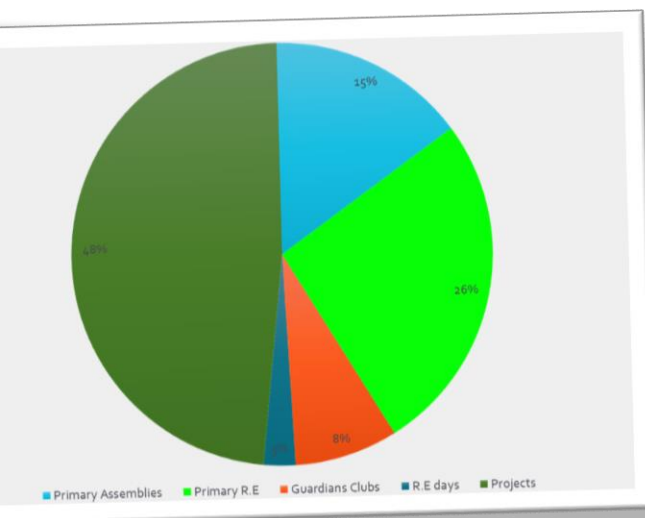


must work in primary and how we work in secondary. After that, again, we are really pleased to see **that R.E is our next biggest proportion at 23%**. This is a considerable jump from last year and reflects the overall ethos of our team to provide outstanding R.E lessons and projects to schools.

Following that, mentoring is still a large part of our secondary work at 15%, and assemblies at 13%. Special projects, such as PSHE lessons, make up the final 7%.

**When I look back at the amount of work, and the diversity of it that we have achieved, I am very proud and thankful for what God has enabled us to do.**

**Behind each statistic is a child who has learnt more about Christians and Jesus!**



# Say Hello to Trudi!



*We are so excited to welcome Trudi to our team! Trudi is joining us as a primary worker. She has recently married and moved to central Manchester from Nottingham. She is part of Christ Church Manchester: City center. We asked her some questions, so you can get to know her:*

## **What are you most excited by in your new role?**

This is my favorite job to do, ever! But I think the most exciting thing about it is that every day my job is to share the thing I love the most, Jesus, with young people in schools in and around Stockport. Each child brings a different thing to my day and that makes each day exciting and new!

## **What part of schools' work are you most passionate about?**

I absolutely love lessons, unpacking the R.E. curriculum in a new and engaging way that teaches real truth is so wonderful. I like to think that hearing it from someone who loves living what they're teaching is more exciting than any textbook.

## **What bible verse is most important to your life and journey?**

There are so many fantastic truths and promises in the bible that I really struggle to choose one, so here's one of my top few I try and remind myself of every day; Hebrews 2 v 11 *"Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call the Brothers and Sisters."* To be reminded that Jesus makes me holy AND counts me His sister in one sentence just blows my mind and brings such comfort it absolutely has to be one of my favourites.

## **What's something the supporters might find surprising about you?**

I'm quite a clumsy person, so clumsy that at aged two I had a police escort to hospital! Somehow, I still managed to do ballet growing up!

Don't miss out...

## **Please pray for:**

Trudi, as she settles into her new role.

Jill, as she prepares to move into training for ministry.

Our Trustees, as they meet together and strategise at the end of the month in their vision meeting.

## **Dates for the Diary:**

12/03/2019 – Our **Christians in Schools Trust Coffee Morning!** We will be meeting at 10am at our office at 99, Chatham Street, SK3 9EG

10/03/2019 – Our **commissioning service** for Jen, Sarah and Trudi is taking place at St George's Church in Poynton, SK12 1NH at 6:30pm. Please come along to support our staff!