



PRAIZIN' HANDS PUPPET GROUP

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BACK 'ON THE ROAD'!

We are pleased to announce we are back 'on the road'! The PSHE schools project team have already returned to schools and the children and staff are pleased to see them back. Our Big Hands team will also be back in schools for Christmas. The last time we were in schools was March 2020 so it is great to be back.

Behind the scenes, we have also been preparing for our return. We have had all our electrical equipment PAT tested to ensure it is compliant. The teams' DBS certificates have been revalidated.

As 2021 comes to an end, we look forward to next year when all three teams can start to perform, once again.

We have been producing our newsletters for over two years now with the first issue back in October 2019. Our first newsletter was prior to us registering as a charity. Over the last two years so much has changed within the puppet group along side dealing with the challenges of COVID19.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

As Christmas draws near, we hear that an increasing amount of shopping this year will be done online. If you are doing your shopping online, why not support Praizin' Hands?

If you are shopping on Amazon, why not use Amazon Smile? The website looks exactly like the standard Amazon website, but you can select a charity to support and they receive a small donation on most purchases you make.

So far this year, we have received £28.00 from Amazon Smile. This may only be a small amount, but it has cost our supporters nothing to make this donation. The more people that use Amazon Smile, the more money we receive so please ask your friends and family to use Amazon Smile this Christmas.

We are also registered with Easyfundraising which is the UK's biggest charity shopping site. They list over 6,000 retailers, many are big names like Tesco, Argos, Boots etc who give a small donation every time you place an order with them. Why not have a look when you are ordering your presents this year, just search for Easyfundraising to register. Thank you!

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for the Little Hands puppeteers and their families.

For new members to join the Little Hands team.

Pray for the Big Hands team. Pray for the Christmas presentations. (Venues and dates are listed elsewhere in the newsletter.)

For the PSHE project team. Pray for the Friendships presentations (Details are listed elsewhere in the newsletters.)

For the protection for both The Big Hands team and Schools PSHE Project team as they go from school to school in the coming months.

Pray for new volunteers to be part of our stage crew team.

Pray for finances to become available for the upkeep of our building as well the day to day running of the charity.

BIG HANDS TEAM UPDATE

It has been great to welcome Lynne, a new puppeteer to our Big Hands team. Lynne is taking everything in her stride as she develops her puppetry skills.

Our Big Hands team have been busy learning a new Christmas programme and the puppet team are looking forward to being 'back on the road' this year. Unfortunately, we are unable to visit all the local schools this year, but we do have a waiting list. The list below shows when and where they will be performing:



Thursday 25th November – Dress Rehearsal
Monday 29th November – Hythe Primary School x2 performances
Wednesday 1st December – Marchwood Infant School
Thursday 2nd December – Manor Infant School
Saturday 4th December – Hythe Mistletoe Fayre— Times TBC
Monday 6th December – Orchard Infant School
Wednesday 8th December – Cadland Primary School
Thursday 9th December – Blackfield Primary School x2 Performances
Monday 13th December – Colbury House Nursing Home
Wednesday 15th December – Wildground Infant School
Thursday 16th December AM – Copythorne Infant School
Thursday 16th December PM – Marchwood Junior School
Sunday 19th December – Lyndhurst Baptist Church –
10.30am service

PSHE SCHOOLS PROJECT TEAM UPDATE

Our PSHE schools project team have worked hard on an updated performance of their presentation 'Friendships' suitable for KS1. They have focussed on 'Friendships' for this term and the presentation is being gratefully received in local Infant Schools. Teachers have expressed their concerns that due to Lockdown, children have not been mixing with other children and so do not know how to make friends, or share etc.

Monday 27th September – Orchard Infant School
Thursday 14th October – Waterside Primary School
Thursday 21st October – Marchwood Infant School
Monday 1st November – Manor Infant School
Thursday 4th November – Netley Marsh Infant School
Monday 8th November – Wildground Infant School
Thursday 11th November – Fawley Infant School
Monday 15th November – Blackfield Primary School

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

On the 11 September we held a safeguarding training course for all the adult puppet team members and it was well attended.

The informative course was tailored to suit the work of the puppet group by Paul Lailey at Trustworthy Services.



YOUTH PUPPET TEAM

We are currently looking to expand our Little Hands puppet team as we plan for 2022.

Do you know any young people who are in school years 7 to 13 (boys or girls) that may be interested in joining, if so it will be great to hear from them.

The puppet team meet every other Thursday at St Francis Church, Langley from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

During the meeting we play games, have a devotional time and rehearse with the puppets for upcoming performances. We also have trips out.

The team perform at churches and community events in the local area.

LITTLE HANDS PUPPET TEAM UPDATE

It has been great to be back to Little Hands in person! Our puppeteers have been working on a couple of songs that they will perform to their families and friends on 2nd December. They also have a sparkler, glow sticks and doughnut evening planned for the beginning of November, a trip to Arrosto for ice cream late November and a pizza evening planned for Christmas.

Congratulations to our Little Hands team for coming 3rd in the One Way UK competition to perform

and film a puppet song. 'Love is shown by what you do' is the song that Little Hands filmed at



Ferry Crofts Scout Campsite. It is the story of the Good Samaritan and this can be found on the Praizin' Hands YouTube channel. Well done to everyone involved.