



PRAIZIN' HANDS PUPPET GROUP

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ARE YOU ABLE TO BE A PRAYER WARRIOR?

We would love to hear from you if you would like to be a Prayer Warrior for Praizin' Hands. We know many of you already pray regularly for Praizin' Hands and we are very grateful to you all. However, we would like to set up a small prayer group or several prayer groups, who would be willing to meet regularly to pray for Praizin' Hands and where we can send any prayer requests to.

We are planning to have a meeting for anyone who may be interested on **Thursday 9th March at 10am** (venue to be decided when we know numbers). Please email beverly@praizinhands.org.uk if you feel led to be part of this.

We are also planning to set up a Prayer WhatsApp group for those who are unable to meet with others, perhaps you live further away, or time is tight for you, but you would like to pray individually. If this is you, please also send Beverly an email.

PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for St. Andrews Church and for the Little Hands team as they lead the All-age service on Sunday 5th February. Pray that as well as being 'entertained', the message will be very clear, and God will speak into the hearts of all involved.

Please pray for our Big Hands team as they take the Easter story into the schools.

Please pray for our PSHE Project team as they prepare to take the 'Cyber-Bullying' presentation into schools. Pray that the children learn the very important message that online Bullying and all types of Bullying is wrong.

Please pray and consider whether you feel able to partner us in prayer.

Please pray that more monthly donors can be found to support our work.

TESCO BLUE TOKENS

Thank you to all those who put blue tokens in our box at one of the local Tesco stores.

We are delighted to announce we have received £500 towards some new puppets for the PSHE Puppet Project team.

ARE YOU ABLE TO SUPPORT US BY BEING A REGULAR GIVER?

Thank you to all those who support the charity financially over the course of the year. We are very grateful to those who are able to support us, both in one off donations as well as the monthly direct debits. Without you, we wouldn't be able to keep going!

Like everywhere at the moment, our running costs are increasing this year, with our storage costs and rehearsal venue hire costs increasing by £1,300 for 2023.

We are hoping and praying that there may be a few more people who are able to and would be willing to set up monthly direct debits for Praizin' Hands so we can have some financial security in paying the regular day in day out cost of running the charity, leaving the various donations we receive throughout the year to pay for puppets, equipment, and everything else.

If this is something you would be able to support us with, we would love to hear from you. Please email info@praizinhands.org.uk Thank you.

BIG HANDS TEAM UPDATE

Firstly, some fantastic news! Our Big Hands team managed to stay healthy and complete every single Christmas presentation, so thank you all for your prayers!

The team are currently working very hard learning a new Easter presentation which they will take out and about in March. Please see the list below with the dates and schools we will be visiting:



Monday 6th March
Wednesday 8th March
Friday 10th March
Monday 13th March
Wednesday 15th March
Thursday 16th March
Friday 17th March
Monday 20th March
Wednesday 22nd March
Thursday 23rd March
Friday 24th March
Wednesday 29th March
Thursday 30th March
Friday 31st March

- Dress Rehearsal
- Hythe Primary School – 2 performances
- Blackfield Primary School – 2 performances
- Waterside Primary School
- Fawley Infant School
- Marchwood CE Infant School
- St. Michael's CE Infant School, Lyndhurst
- Netley Marsh CE Infant School
- Wilground Infant School
- Copythorne CE Infant School
- Wildground Junior School
- Marchwood Junior School
- Kaneshill Primary School
- Manor CE Infant School



In February, we will be sadly saying farewell to Wendy, Norman, and Mo from the Big Hands team. They will still be supporting us in various ways but feel it is time to stand down from Big Hands for different reasons. We miss them all very much and each of them have been a very BIG part of the team and so leave a huge hole. Thank you to Wendy, Norman and Mo for many, many years of hard work.

LITTLE HANDS PUPPET TEAM UPDATE

Our Little Hands team performed two songs to their parents and to the Big Hands team, in December. One of the songs was a blacklight song using human sized puppets which involved learning different puppetry skills.

For the last night before breaking up for the Christmas holidays, we had a party and played 'Human Hungry Hippos' which was great fun, as well as eating pizza and caterpillar cake!



PSHE SCHOOLS PROJECT TEAM UPDATE

The PSHE Schools Project team have been working hard on a 'Cyber-Bullying' presentation for years 5 and 6, since the beginning of January, and are now ready to take it to several schools in the coming weeks. We are very grateful to Lyndhurst Baptist Church for their continued support in giving us the use of their hall to rehearse in.

Monday 6th February
Monday 20th February
Thursday 23rd February
Friday 3rd March

- Hythe Primary School
- Kaneshill Primary School, Thornhill
- Cadland Primary School
- Blackfield Primary School



The team have been working very hard towards the All-age service at St. Andrews, Dibden Purlieu which will be on **Sunday 5th February** starting at **10.30am**. Please come along, it will be great to see you all!



At the end of March, we have a trip planned to go pedal karting, at Ferny Crofts which is always good fun and something to look forward to.