



## A MESSAGE FROM REBECCA

Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you for continual support of CEP. We appreciate every prayer and financial gift we receive. God is good and we are seeing new opportunities opening up every term.

I would like to announce some good news; I am getting married in October to my fiancé Iulian Trifan.

So as of October 2017 I will no longer be Miss Dear (no more jokes, ya!) but Mrs Trifan. Exciting times, please pray for my future marriage.

However I also have some sad news. After much prayer, I have decided to leave my post at CEP. This is due to many different reasons and I also feel it is the right time to move on. As you know God sometimes likes to move us on when we least expect it, we make plans but God guides our steps (Proverbs 16:9). As you can appreciate this is a big year for me, please continue to pray for me. I thank God for the Project and I know he has great plans to come.



As always we have been really encouraged by the response to our annual Gift Day. As we go to press the current total stands at £2,730. We are mindful that there are still donations to come so this will increase. Thank you once again to all the churches and individuals that support us financially.

## 'FRIENDS OF CEP'

For over 25 years CEP has been serving the schools of Redbridge offering our services free of charge – it is an amazing witness.

We have been able to do this because of the way we are funded by local churches and individuals. We want to be able to continue to do this long into the future and so we are aiming to recruit a fresh wave of people committed to regular (monthly) giving to the Project.

If you would like to find out more about how you can be a part of what God is doing in the local schools through giving to the work of CEP please visit our website or contact the office for more details

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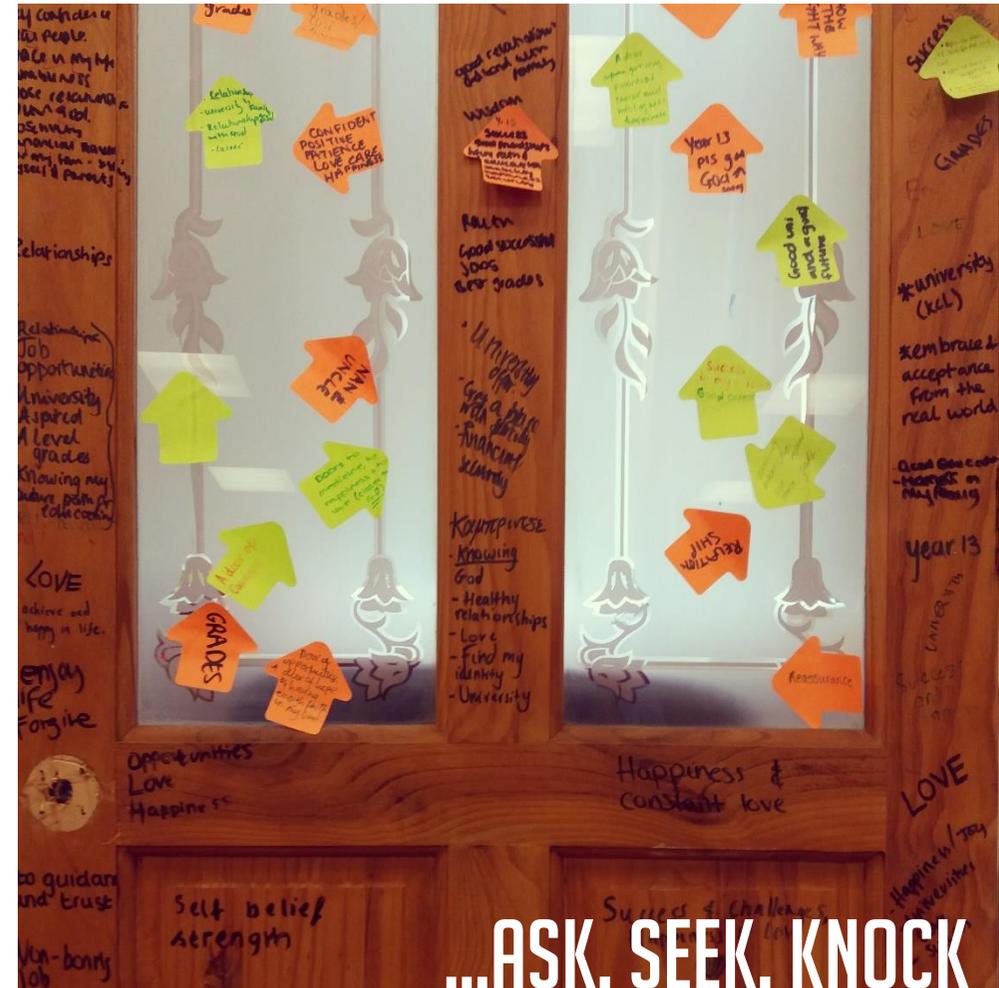
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# SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2017



# ...ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

As another term, and indeed another academic year, comes to a close there is much to reflect on and give thanks for.

After the busy-ness of our Easter assembly season we began this term in Farnham Green Primary with 2 more Easter assemblies! As a welcome return to a school we haven't been to in some time, we hope that it will be something that we can build on next year.

We were also glad to be able to spend a couple of days delivering lessons in Churchfields Jrs across two year groups, covering 'Parables' with yr3 and 'The Bible' with yr4. Again, this is a school that we have had limited contact with for a number of years so it was great to have the opportunity to go back in again.

Coppice Primary School in Hainault is another school that we have been excited to build a better relationship with. This term we facilitated a trip to St Paul's Church for their yr2 children, ran a prayer space for a day with their Yr5s, and then returned towards the end of term to conduct 'It's Your Move' transition lessons with their yr6s (more on this below). The Prayer Space was a real highlight. The team took over one of the school halls and set up a number of interactive prayer stations that helped the young people engage with themes such as 'Forgiveness', 'Thankfulness', 'Healing', 'Big Questions', 'Grief' and 'Being Still'.

The children really engaged with the activity in a mature and sensitive way, which was reward in itself for what was a lot of hard work for one day!

Staying on the Prayer Space theme...another highlight of this term was an invitation to return to Ursuline Academy in Ilford to run a morning of interactive prayer activities for their yr12 (sixth form) students. We were given the verse Luke 11:9 (Ask, Seek, Knock) and prepared 8 stations exploring persistence in prayer. There was a station where students were asked to write on an old door, the doors which they wanted to see open for them (picture on front). Other stations included planting seeds, writing on an umbrella and yarn bombing an old bicycle wheel (picture below).

We have continued to enjoy a good relationship with Woodbridge High School over the term, with our weekly visits to lead the CU and mentoring. Although the Faith Festival was cancelled this year it was a privilege to be invited guests at their recent Holocaust Memorial event, and a recent meeting with the head of RE gave encouragement for more opportunities in new academic year – watch this space!

Over the term we have delivered primary assemblies on themes such as 'Pentecost' and 'Moving On', and lessons other than those already mentioned have included, 'Why is Jesus important?', 'Noah's Ark', and team building sessions – specifically at Aldersbrook Primary. This is another school that we re-established contact with after a number of years. A yr6 teacher who we knew from his previous school invited us to work with his students visiting all 3 classes to do team building one week and 'Its Your Move' lessons the following week.

Which brings us on to what has been the subject of most of our appointments over the last few weeks of term. 'It's Your Move' is Scripture Union resource that helps young people transitioning from Primary to Secondary school. We use it as part of a lesson we run, which helps the students think about their own positives and negatives about moving on. Thanks to very generous sponsorship we finish the lesson by giving each student a copy of the book. It is an amazing witness and demand for these lessons is growing. Last year we gave away 750 books – this year we gave over 1000! It was great to do these lessons in several new schools this year, including South Park & Newbury Park Primary as well as those already mentioned.

As we write, the diary is already booking up with engagements for the next academic year – encouragement indeed that the work is valued by the borough's schools. Thank you for all your prayers, support and encouragement over the year and as we look forward to the next!

**A YEAR IN NUMBERS:**  
**2016-17 HAS SEEN US COMPLETE 369**  
**APPOINTMENTS, VISITING 41 SCHOOLS, 10**  
**OF WHICH WE WERE NOT WORKING IN THIS**  
**TIME LAST YEAR!**



L to R:

- Rob & Rebecca deliver a Pentecost assembly at Chigwell Primary talking about Holy Spirit super powers!
- Our 'Positivi-tree' & 'Negativi-tree' from a recent Yr6 'It's Your Move' lesson
- Students yarn bombing an old bicycle wheel at our Yr12 Prayer Space at Ursuline Academy – praying for God to turn something broken into something beautiful!