

SS Leaders meeting 14/01/25, 7.30-9.00pm

1. Opening and devotion – AD – Ephesians 2: 8-9
2. Update from Up and Coming – PC – BB growing – Some cross over with FLAIM may help with weekends away. GB issues as SB will be out for a while. May require help. School work going well and a swell in numbers. When C starts soon as youth worker it will be extremely exciting.
3. Feedback from the survey on SKC – SB – not a lot of feedback, maybe due to issues with the online survey website. But of what we have, the feedback was positive and likely we will utilise the same idea this summer; I'll reach out to Heather Haywood about this. If leaders have feedback, then sharing at meeting, or directly with me/Alie would be useful for sharing with Elders/SKC organisers. Likely to repeat same format this summer. Possibility of using them for Easter PC will liaise with SB and HH and feedback.
4. Update on ASN – SB – a few sessions were trialled, but Alex-Anthimos and Charlotte seemed more content to stay where there are. No issues here, mostly relationship building needed, which leaders will explore this term. Please remember that the idea of the monthly group came from, and was shaped by, their parents – so I think they've also come to realise that maybe the group isn't quite the right time. However, as months/years pass, mostly likely both individuals would need something in addition to Friends of Jesus.
5. New Name for Sunday school – only feedback from FLAIM with a definite no from Sunday Fun Groups and a yes to Youth church
6. Reflect back on last month - all.

Beginners – Big increase in numbers so we have had to use a lot more games to keep them busy. Only 1 will be moving up. The teas is working fine in the hall with us.

Juniors – smaller numbers than before, only about 8. Will need more helpers as a few have stepped down. Using Energise books for 5-6 ages and sometimes 7-10, but it depends on the content.

Triple S – new leaders has eased the pressure on DS. About 7-8 in numbers. Currently looking at heroes of faith.

FLAIM – would have 14 if everyone is there at once, which is meaning they are running out of space. Needs looked at. S4 are well engaged and keen to stay on at present. Started a bible reading plan together. They want to do more social events/weekends away but don't currently have the capacity. FT is now leading.

Youth Fellowship – attendance a bit sporadic towards end of term, not helped by Union/Christmas services interrupting the rhythm. Hopefully can get back to meeting regularly. Caroline will get involved here, probably replacing Gill. The over 18s now have a separate WhatsApp chat, as some of their conversation wasn't at the right level (theologically/tactfulness) for the under 18s, and that might have also influenced engagement. Still a lot to work out and develop with this group, but for now we need to almost re-establish after a disrupted term. What age should this start and what are the rules on under 18 and over 18s messaging each other – PC to check this.

7. Looking forward for next month - all

- Buddy system – this went well but a few things to look out for next time next date February 23rd.
- Dates –
- 16th February joint service at Brightons – all age no Sunday school
- 23rd February Buddy Sunday

- 30th March GB closing service – Join together groups as required.
 - 20th April Easter Sunday - all age no Sunday school
 - 4th May joint service at Slamannan – all age no Sunday school.
 - 11th May Moving up Sunday.
 - 22nd June all age no Sunday school
 - 29th June SKC starts.
 - BB closing date TBC
8. Sunday School treasurer's role – MD - the separate Sunday school account has now been closed. There is no issue to spending it's just to give them a heads up with a rough amount and they will ok it in advance – speak to PP.
9. Future meeting date – 6th May
10. Prayer and close