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Spring Term Newsletter

To all Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term. We have lots of information that we would like to share with you. First of all we have increased our numbers considerably this year and there are still spaces in Company and Anchor Boys if there are any children and young people that would like to join. As you all know we now have the addition of the Girls Association as there is no provision of a girls group in the church. With the number of children on the increase we do however have to say we are sorry to be losing two of our fantastic helpers at Easter. Ian Humpheys joined us ten years ago when his sons were part of the Anchors and Juniors. He then went on to lead the Anchors for a number of years before moving to Company where he could lend his services. Edd Smith will also be leaving us as he joined us in Anchors to cover his voluntary service for The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. He has accomplished his task brilliantly and stayed on long after his service was completed. Well done to both of you and please join us in wishing them both well.

This does however leave us with a large gap in two sections which we would love to fill. If you would like to join the team of volunteer helpers then we would be glad to have you on board. Maybe if you have a boy or girl going up in September and feel you could offer your help then please have a chat to one of us. Remember we all started off with our own children.

On a different note, we do have to say that we have an increasing number of boys and girls arriving much too early and staying long after their session has finished. Please do not embarrass your section leaders by asking them to look after your children when it is not their times stated. While we appreciate that some of you have children in different session times, your leaders cannot prepare or tidy up if they are having to look after children that are in and around the church. It is also a health and safety issue regarding our insurance if a child is hurt when they are not

supposed to be here. We thank you in advance for your co operation in this matter.

Anchor Boys

We have an indoor picnic arranged for the 8th March in Bakersfield. Write it down in your diaries folks and further details will follow.

Junior Section

We have a Unihoc competition on the 11th March at St Marks church, Bestwood Village. It will start at 6.30pm so we would love to take a team out to the game and bring home the trophy! If your child is interested then please let us know if you can come. We would also need some help with transport to and from the game if any parent would like to help out.

Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be held on the 15th March

Parade Service

The next parade service will be held on the 30th March

Rotary Club Sponsored Swim

We have booked a lane again this year for the Annual Rotary Club Sponsored Swim on the 12th April 4.30-6.30pm. Helpers will be required to count lengths and look after Bert and Alan! If you are available please see one of us in advance. The children do not need to swim far. One length is as good as one hundred in the grand scheme of things and parents are more than welcome to swim alongside their children. All money raised will go towards the running costs of BB. Without these vital fundraisers we would be unable to do such fantastic activities with your children. All you need to do is take a sponsorship form and turn the thumbscrews on family and friends! Please do not door knock though. We are raising funds this year for much needed camping equipment as ours has fallen by the wayside over the years. If we have the gear then you get a weekend off!

Fundraising Bag Pack

Owing to the success of the last bag pack that was held at Tesco's Bulwell, we will be doing another at Tesco's Hucknall on the 10th May 10am-4pm. This is easy money guys! All you have to do is help people with their shopping while remembering your manners. Full uniform is required to look smart and this will pay for our next day out as a whole company. We would love to see as many of you as possible to maximise results.

Panto Visit 2015

We have had confirmation of next years' panto at Mansfield Palace Theatre. There will be a slight increase in the cost this year to £7 per head. This is still great value for money and we will be taking bookings shortly.

Session Times

Anchor Boys 6.15pm **prompt**-7.15pm

Junior Section 6.45pm **prompt**-8.15pm

Company Section 7.45 **prompt**-9.15pm