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# JUNIOR CHURCH NEWS

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Heaton Baptist Church

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## Welcome back everyone

I hope you have all had a fun-filled summer. Now it's time to get ready for a new term in Junior Church.



Some of you will be starting new groups. This can feel exciting, but some of you might also feel a little nervous. Don't worry, our volunteers are used to welcoming new children into their groups.

The first morning back in Junior Church is an introductory session where you'll meet all your group leaders. You'll get to know them and the other children better. We will play lots of games and enjoy activities that help you learn everyone's name.

We'll plan events for the coming year and if you have ideas about things you'd like to see happen in Junior Church, speak to your group leaders.

Last year we had loads of exciting things things happening, and we'll refresh your memory about some of those in this newsletter.

Our vision for Junior Church has three ingredients: **faith, fun and family**. For our volunteers it's all about connecting children to God, giving them a place to belong and making memories together.

I pray you are excited to learn more about Jesus and have lots of fun together in the coming months.

**Jacq Howell, Junior Church Co-ordinator**

## Parents meeting this Sunday

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On Sunday 8th September, immediately after the service (12.15pm), we're have **a short meeting for all parents**.

You will complete/update registration forms, **meet the Junior Church leaders** and discuss anything you think leaders need to know about your child.

Meetings will take place in your child's group room and will not take longer than 15 mins.

If you have children in separate groups, don't worry, there will be time to move between rooms.

Please try to attend as it's really important we have up to date information for each child and we want to **discuss anything you need us to know** so your child has the best experience of Junior Church.

If you can't make it please speak to your child's group leader or Jacqui Howell.

## Flashback - SpyDay

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Spy Day was a day where we all dressed up as spies and did a bunch of spy activities.

We learned about the equipment a spy uses on a mission. I did a quiz about famous spies and even got to use invisible ink.

I really enjoyed it because it made me feel like a proper member of Live Wires.

### Archie McCall reporting

## Flashback - The Oakes weekend

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This was my second year at The Oakes and I loved every minute of it.

I loved all the activities. I did zorbes, ropes, rafts and tunnels. It helped to build confidence in myself as well as teaching me teamwork.

The staff there were friendly and encouraging. They made us feel very welcome and created heaps of fun.

This year we were learning about Jesus death and Mary and Martha.

It's created happy memories so I'm really looking forward to going again next year!

### Holly Lennox reporting



## Dates to remember this autumn

- **Sunday 8th September** - Welcome meeting for all children and parents after the morning service
- **Sunday 6th October** - Messy church
- **Thursday 31st October** - Alternative Halloween event
- **Sunday 3rd November** - Messy church
- **Sunday 1st December** - Messy church

## Please join us in praying for the following

🙏 for children to settle quickly into their new groups

🙏 for HBC children who have started new schools this month

🙏 for energy, wisdom and inspiration for junior church leaders and volunteers as they start the new year

🙏 for children and young people to encounter God at HBC and grow in their faith

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