

Dear friends,

How can it be June already? It feels like we have only just packed away our Easter resources and suddenly it is time to think about Summer programmes, holiday clubs and activity days. Most of our time this term will be spent finishing the update of the Open the Book Programme (see page 2) but we are still available to loan resources and offer ideas for your Summer plans so do get in touch if we can support you in any way. Please also note the day of our AGM—the 26th June at 2pm and let us know if you are able to come, we would love to see you there!

The staff and trustees at OCRH

Help Needed

Do you have a fabric stash that you no longer need?

We are looking for donations of large pieces of fabric to make (adult sized) costumes.

Please contact Mandy@ocrh.org.uk if you can help.

Can you paint or draw?

We need to create some large pictures—if you can help, please get in touch.

Dates for your Diary

17th June at 7.30pm in The Chestnuts	Godly Play Network
26th June at 2pm The Chestnuts	Annual General Meeting
19th August— 30th August	Hub closed for staff holidays
14th September	Out of the Box storytelling day

OutoftheBox Storytelling Day

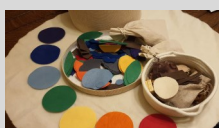
If you enjoy engaging with stories, you are warmly invited to our 'Out of the Box storytelling day'.

Saturday 14th September, Rawdon Leeds

Out of the box uses storytelling for personal and community wellbeing.

Come along and enjoy a day of stories.

Please contact mandy@ocrh.org.uk to book or find out more.



Opening Hours

The Hub is open at the following times:

Wednesday 10 till 1

(drop in without appointment)

Wednesday 1.30 till 4.30 and Thursdays 4 till 6

(appointments only)

(Keyholders can access when needed as usual)



Summer Closure

The hub will be closed the final two weeks of August for staff holidays.

Open the Book

Training

Last month we held a training day to update skills and take a look at some of the new stories , 42 storytellers attended and it was a very encouraging morning. We worked out that across our area we are reaching 7500 primary school children every month which is amazing! If you didn't attend the training and need to refresh your skills (storytellers are asked to train every three years) you can book on an online session with Open the Book . Go to their website

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/>

and click on the 'Training' tab to find dates.

Membership

Don't forget that all storytellers need to join as full or associate members of Open the Book by the end of the Summer. The easiest way to do this is over the phone 0808 178 4921 ask to be put through to Open the Book - you will need your storyteller number and bank details to set up the direct debit .

New Programme

We are now well underway with preparations for the updated programme which begins in September. We hope to book stories that continue on from where you end this Summer, however it is all a bit new and we would appreciate having dates for the new term as soon as you have them please.

Godly Play



Looking for inspiration for your work with children and families? Godly Play is a good place to start. We have an excellent range of Godly Play resources and can also offer introductory sessions for your team.

Get in touch if you would like to know more or come along to a network meeting (see below).

Leeds and Bradford Network Group

This group is for anyone interested in Godly Play. Our next meeting is on Monday 17th June at 7:30pm in The Chestnuts. All Welcome (RSVP: mandy@ocrh.org.uk)

Godly Play UK Conference

Why not get together with Godly Players from across the UK ? You can find out more and book tickets here:

<https://www.godlyplay.uk/events/godly-play-uk-conference-2024/>