

# Children Matter

## News Bulletin

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# Spring 2018



Welcome to our Spring news bulletin. The teams in North and South Staffs have had a very busy spring term, recruiting lots more schools and volunteers to join in with our fabulous intergenerational project. We are smashing our targets even before we reach year 3, so a huge thank you to all our volunteers and schools - we couldn't do it without you!



Thanks to the support from Entrust we have lots of schools looking for volunteers to help out! We are pretty sure that all our schools would welcome more volunteers and the full list is available to view on our website. However, if you would like to try a second school, or if you have any friends or family who are over 50 and might be interested in volunteering then please get in touch.

### Schools waiting to welcome volunteers...

#### North Staffs:

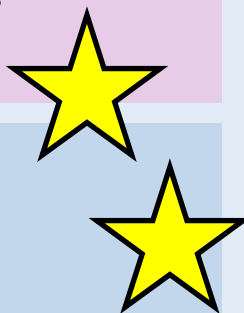
Thursfield Primary School, Stoke on Trent  
 St Giles and St Georges Primary Academy, Newcastle  
 Ravensmead Primary, Stoke on Trent  
 Forsbrook Primary, Cheadle  
 Castle Primary School, Mow Cop, Stoke  
 Eaton Park Academy, Bucknall, Stoke on Trent  
 St Werburghs, Kingsley, Staffs Moorlands  
 Bishop Rawle Primary, Cheadle

#### South Staffs:

Chadsmoor Junior School, Cannock  
 Hazel Slade Primary, Cannock  
 Longford Primary, Cannock  
 Fulfen Primary, Burntwood  
 Amington Heath, Tamworth  
 Wilnecote Junior School, Tamworth  
 Birches First School, Codsall  
 Lane Green First School, Codsall  
 Perton Primary Academy  
 St Thomas More RC Primary, Great Wyrley  
 Cheslyn Hay Primary  
 Berkswich Primary, Stafford

#### East Staffs:

Christ Church Primary, Burton  
 Victoria Community School, Burton  
 Winshill Village Primary, Burton



Many of you tell us that you would be happy to continue volunteering in school even when our current funding finishes in August 2019. Please keep an eye out for the evaluation questionnaires coming your way during the Summer Term.



As we plan for future funding, your feedback and opinions are essential. Any information you can provide as a volunteer or school will prove invaluable to us to help to shape our new and improved vision beyond next year.



**We are also looking for stories to feature as case studies..... Can you help??**

## Writing Competition: Our winners are announced.....!



We held another exciting Writing and Colouring Competition this year for pupils attending schools across the whole of Staffordshire who host a Children Matter Volunteer. We had a fantastic response from 18 schools and received over 400 amazing entries based on the title "Superhero Grandparents". The CMLT Team read and shortlisted the entries which were then sent to our celebrity judges, bestselling children's author, Linda Chapman and former Children's Laureate, Anne Fine, to make the final decision about the winners and runners up in both Key Stages. Both authors commented again this year on the quality of written work produced by pupils in Staffordshire which made their role very difficult!

Our winning schools have been keeping a big secret since just before Easter so that the news could be a lovely surprise to the successful pupils. However, we are now pleased to announce the full list of winners and runners up in our recent 'Superhero Grandparents' Colouring and Writing Competition.

### The results are:

**Winner Key Stage 2** – Aoife Delf, Blessed Mother Teresa RC Primary, Stafford

**Runner Up KS2** – Lois Walklett, Bursley Academy, Newcastle under Lyme

**Runner Up KS2** – Jake Appleton, Blessed Mother Teresa RC Primary, Stafford



**Winner Key Stage 1** – Lily Hudson, John Wheeldon Primary Academy, Stafford

**Runner Up KS1** – Patrick Griffiths, Princefield First School, Penkridge

**Runner Up KS1** – Tamara Kenber, Chadsmoor Community Infant & Nursery, Cannock



**Winner Colouring Competition North Staffordshire** – Scarlett Harvey, Bursley Academy, Newcastle under Lyme

**Winner Colouring Competition South Staffordshire** – Miyah Bate, St Thomas More, Great Wyrley

**Age UK North Staffordshire Favourite KS2** – Katie Billings, St Edwards Primary Academy, Cheddleton

**Age UK North Staffordshire Favourite KS1** – Noel Garside, Bursley Academy, Newcastle under Lyme

**Age UK South Staffordshire Favourite KS2** – Ava Holloway, John Wheeldon Primary Academy, Stafford

**Age UK South Staffordshire Favourite KS1** – Lucie Ward, The Croft Primary, Armitage, Rugeley



Two very special assemblies were held on 13<sup>th</sup> March at Blessed Mother Teresa RC Primary and John Wheeldon Primary Academy, both in Stafford. Best-selling children's author, Linda Chapman presented the prizes to Aoife and Lily but also held a writer's workshop at both schools. Mrs Horton, Headteacher at Blessed Mother Teresa, and Mr Sutton, Headteacher at John Wheeldon, were delighted to welcome Linda and both told us how much the pupils gained from attending the workshops with a real life published author!

The CMLT Teams in South and North Staffordshire attended celebration assemblies to present runner up prizes and certificates, including a 'favourite' in each Key Stage chosen by each organisation. The winning entries can be viewed on our website.

We are hoping to produce a publication featuring some of the stories and copies will be given to all participating schools. Thank you to everyone who took part .





Linda is pictured with KS2 Winner Aoife and Runner up, Jake. She explained that she had chosen Aoife as a winner because it was “An engaging, well written story – well done! “. Linda is also pictured (right) with KS1 winner, Lily and her proud mum. She told us “I love this poem, it’s original, funny and I love the idea of Nanny P flying across the sky in her wheelchair to fight baddies! It rhymes really well and I think it captures the way Grandparents can be perfectly normal but also superheroes at the same time. Well done!”



Paddy Griffiths  
Runner Up KS1



Tamara Kenber  
Runner Up KS1



Lois Walklett Noel Garside  
Runner Up KS2



Lucie Ward & Judi Lang  
Our Age UK Favourites



Katie Billings & Helen



**Colouring Competition:**

We also had lots of entries for our early Years ‘Superhero Grandparents’ Colouring Competition. Debbie, Lisa and Amy picked a winner from schools in the south of the county. Helen, Lucy and Louise chose their winner from schools in the north...



Scarlett Harvey, Bursley Academy,  
Newcastle under Lyme



Miyah Bate, St Thomas More,  
Great Wyrley



## In other news....



Age UK South Staffs Bradbury Respite Centre continues to attract new service users with 4 of the 6 beds occupied this week and future bookings for 2018. Bradbury Respite Centre provides short and long term care for older people with emotional, physical and dementia related illnesses.



Looking forward to warmer weather so the service users attending Orton Meadows and Bradbury Respite Centre can take advantage of the beautiful gardens and our new Summer House – roll on the summer.



**Bradbury Respite Centre is now recruiting for weekend staff to work day and night shifts.**



### Information & Advice Volunteers wanted

Age UK North and South Staffordshire both provide a free information and advice service for older people in our areas and we are now recruiting volunteers to supplement the work of our staff.

Various roles are required— taking telephone enquiries, helping people fill out forms and applications and leaflet delivery.



#### Why Volunteer?

The service provides much-needed support to local older people but has been reduced by funding cuts. Volunteering is a great way to help the service to continue and you will meet new people, learn new skills, and support the work we do in the community.

#### Level of commitment

Ideally, we are looking for people who can give at least half a day a week for a minimum of 6 months.

#### Training

Specialist skills are not required and full training will be provided.

#### Interested in finding out more?

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[www.ageuk.org.uk/northstaffs/get-involved/volunteer](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/northstaffs/get-involved/volunteer)

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/southstaffs/volunteer-for-age-uk-south-staffs/>

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**Support us and WIN prizes - just £1 per week!**

Help to keep Age UK South Staffordshire **FREE** Information and advice service running for older people in the community.

Click to follow this link:

<https://www.southstaffslottery.co.uk/support/age-uk-south-staffordshire>

**Training Update:** Michelle Tudor is our new Entrust staff member. Some of you will have already met her at training sessions this year. Welcome to the team, Michelle! We still have some spaces left on our 'Supporting Struggling Readers' session to be held on Wednesday 4th July at Victoria Orchard Community School in Burton. Ring us on 01785 788484 to book a place. New sessions for next year to be announced soon..



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