

Otley Christian Resources Hub CIO

Supporting Ministry to Children & Young People Charity number 1169443

Autumn 2023

Dear friends,

A new term is nearly upon us and there's lots to look forward to. Open the Book have released their new story book, written by Bob Hartman and we have already started thinking about how to transition over to this updated programme. We will be able to use lots of our favourite props and costumes as well as developing some new ones. If you want to know more see below for details of an Open the Book meeting in September.

We also have our AGM coming up in September—a chance to review last year's work as well as thinking about the upcoming year. We will also spend some time discussing your responses to our recent review so please do make time to come along to that meeting and hear about future plans for the Hub as well as opportunities to get involved. Please let Mandy know if you are able to attend.

Later in the term we have What's the Story about Christmas coming up as well as opportunities to learn about Out of the Box Stories and Godly Play. Lots to get involved with this Autumn and do get in touch if we can help with anything else.

Best wishes,

The staff and trustees at OCRH

Volunteers Needed

With so much going on at The Hub we are looking for some help! We'd like some regular volunteers to help with a variety of tasks: staffing the Hub to cover holidays, helping set up the new OTB programme and preparing resources for our What's the Story? project. We will also need some creative people to help create new costumes and props as well as refreshing old ones. If you can offer a couple of hours weekly, fortnightly or monthly we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Mandy@ocrh.org.uk



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 20th September at 1:30pm	Open the Book Meeting
Thursday 21st September at 7:30pm	Leeds and Bradford Godly Play Network
Wednesday 27th September at 2:30pm	Annual General Meeting
Wednesday October 4th and 11th at 1:30pm	Out of the Box Essentials (Please book)
Thursday 23rd November at 7:30pm	Leeds and Bradford Godly Play Network

We will close for Christmas on Wednesday 20th December at 4pm and reopen on Wednesday 10th January.

Open the Book

Just a reminder to all teams to please book dates with your schools for the Autumn term . Please pass the dates to Mandy as soon as you can—the diary is getting full! Also, please let Mandy know if you are able to attend the meeting on the 20th September. A good opportunity to get together, eat cake and hear about the updated Open the Book Programme.



OutoftheBox



uses story and play for personal and community wellbeing. It can be used in a range of settings, including: schools, care homes, community groups and chaplaincy. We are offering an introductory (essentials) course on the 4th and 11th October from 1:30 to 4:30pm.

The cost is £149 . This includes a £100 course fee plus £49 to become a member of Out of The Box, giving you access to 49 wisdom stories, lots of helpful learning resources and opportunities to connect with other storytellers.

Contact mandy@ocrh.org.uk to book.



What's the Story about Christmas?

Its not too early to start thinking about Christmas! What's the Story? is a creative way for primary schools, churches and communities to engage with the gospel stories surrounding Christmas. Project books and storychains can be purchased direct from the Hub or through our website and accompanying resources which include everything you need to run the project can be hired to

use in your own venue.



What's the Story Books £10

Storychains £1.60



Full Project Resources (to hire) £85

Opening Hours

The Hub is open at the following times :

Wednesday 10 till 1 (drop in without appointment)

Wednesday 1.30 till 4.30 (appointments only)

Thursdays 4 till 6 (drop in without an appointment)

(Keyholders can access when needed as usual)

Godly Play Network

This group is for anyone interested in

Godly Play. Our Autumn meetings will be on Thursday the 21st September and Thursday the 23rd November

(RSVP: mandy@ocrh.org.uk) **All Welcome**