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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Vineyard Kids Parents' Newsletter. We hope you enjoy some rest from routine over the half term school break. As well as touching base with your families, and celebrating what is happening in our rooms, there are a couple of events in the calendar that we want to put on your radar.

Rachel Turner, is a good friend of Katie's and is coming to visit us early March. On the Friday, (11th March), Rachel will be taking us through an evening of learning how to encourage, grow and develop kids to be confident in who God says they are.

"The world has a formula for confidence. It goes like this: You are amazing and perfect, just the way you are. People should love and accept you, and if they don't, well, that's their problem. The Christian community partners with this. We are told in church: God made you perfect and precious. You are unique and wonderful, like a gemstone in his eyes, worthy of so much. We think that if our children could just believe those statements deep in their hearts, then they would be confident. If they could just discover who they are and express it well, then they would have joy. If they could just live those beliefs, then they would be able to weather the storms in the world.

The problem is that it doesn't seem to be working..."

This is a not-to-be-missed event for all teachers, kids leaders and parents. Text **CFC GCK** to **66777** for a direct sign up link to your phone or [click here to sign up now](#). There is no charge for this event.

On the Saturday afternoon, (12th March), we are joining with our Kids United crew for a half day conference for our P4-P7's, called Unshakeable. This will be a significant time for our children as we are gathered in Jesus' presence together. The workshops are Jumping Clay, Dodgeball, Computer Coding (with some Dads from our church), Vibe Academy Dance, DJ-ing and Balloon Modelling. The worship will be led by our own Vineyard Kids band. We're looking forward to a great afternoon and hope your kids can make it. Please get them [signed up ASAP](#).

Blessings,

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Dates for the Diary

Next week Saturday 20 th Feb 3.30pm – 5pm Ardnally BT8 7SP	Compassion Kids Praise Party For P3-P7's Tickets £5
Friday 11 th March 7.30pm, CFC	Growing Confident Kids
Saturday 12 th March, 2pm-5pm	Unshakeable For P4-P7's



Kids United is a multi church event for kids from P4-P7 where they can come, be inspired, challenged and equipped for a life of adventure with Jesus.

At 'UNSHAKEABLE,' we will be looking at how to be rooted and confident in who we are in Christ. Rachel Turner will be teaching the children, there will be worship (our very own Vineyard Kids band) and lots of fun workshops to get involved with.

Kids United- UNSHAKEABLE will take place on 12th March 2016, 2pm - 5pm, in Christian Fellowship Church (CFC) in East Belfast. Text **CFC united** to **66777** for a direct sign up link to your phone or [click here to sign up now](#) (£8 includes snack and workshops)

Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	Week of Prayer and Fasting
Friday 25 th March	Good Friday service
Sunday 27 th March	Easter Sunday service

bAbba's

We are delighted to welcome 2 new babies into our church family so far this year; Amber Christie and Micah Dick. We're looking forward to more of their little friends being born throughout the year. Our bAbba's leaders gathered last weekend and were thanking God for every little one we get to serve and were asking for even more babies. We see our baby room as a place of healing and restoration and are so grateful for the powerfully gentle ministry that we see happening here. We know that our babies are hungry for worship (they point to the singing box asking for singing time to start!) and are active members of our church community as they intercede and pay close attention to what the Holy Spirit is doing. They fell silent last week when we did "wiggle your fingers up to the ceiling....open and shut them... give a little clap...." as we talked to Father God.

Nursery – P2s

Key verse: Psalm 150:6 says, "Let everything, (move arms round in big circular motion) *that has breath* (point to mouth) **praise the Lord. (clap hands).**

This month our Nursery – P2s are really leaning into how they can grow in their worship. As we all worship together, we know that really it's not about anyone else in the room except for ourselves and God. We will be asking the Holy Spirit to teach us new ways to worship. We're using balloons to demonstrate how worship is about lifting up the name of Jesus and party blowers to blow and make a joyful noise! We're making crowns to represent all of the things we think are important and setting them down to show they aren't anywhere close to how important and special King Jesus is.

2s & 3s

Our little ones are looking at the character of Jesus. Jesus is loving, Healer, loves to share, is a good friend, forgives, loves the little children, keeps promises, loves worshipping. Their key phrase is "Jesus you are good. I want to be like you!" We are so grateful for them and how they are being equipped for life as they love Jesus more and more. A couple of our bAbba's have their 2nd birthdays this month and will be moving up. 2s and 3s are going to be so blessed to welcome them and the steady flow of their friends throughout the year. A bunch of the 2s & 3s leaders gathered in January and know that each of them are unique and have something to offer, so are our toddlers and we want to be their biggest fans and cheerleaders (after you, their parents of course!)

P3-P7s

Our P3-P7's have been studying Daniel.

Often we know what the right thing to do is, but it can be so hard to do it. There have been opportunities for prayer for any children having a hard time making good choices. We've been asking the Holy Spirit to come and strengthen them and make them strong and bold and wise, just like Daniel and his friends. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, showed everybody that God was the most important person in their lives. They wouldn't bow and worship a statue, even though it meant they might be killed! Their actions showed that they loved and trusted God, and our actions need to show we love and trust God too. We've asked the children if they have ever bowed before God and invited them to do that. We've been praying for any children who suffer with nightmares. We pray God's complete authority over their sleep and their dreams, and that only God has permission to speak as they are sleep.