

## Finance update. Can you help?

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Dear friend,

As this academic year begins it's wonderful to look back over the last year and consider the great privilege we have as a team providing schools with our RE and Values lessons, supporting struggling children through our intervention programmes, mentoring students who need some extra help and performing our Christmas and Easter plays to 1000s of children. We also celebrated a marvellous finale to the year with Lark and Spark in the Park. We thank and praise God for his rich blessings and we thank *you* for being with us every step of the way with your prayers and financial support.

On one hand a significant blessing, however, four months into our financial year we see a significant problem looming. From April to July we have seen a worrying decline in some of our major income streams. For instance:-

A. Income from one-off donations	<b>-£4,309</b>
B. Income from churches	<b>-£3,250</b>
C. Income from grants	<b>-£13,100</b>
D. Income from fundraising events	<b>-£3,365</b>

Income from grants is sporadic and it is possible we will have more success later in the year. Every week we submit more applications. (We received over £39,000 in grants last year). We set our budgets in faith and anticipation of receiving income but so far, we have been disappointed and concerned about the low award of grants. We took the precaution of reducing our budgets this year as we know we are in straightened times and we also maintain reserves to help us overcome short term funding shortfalls. We have started to use up some of those reserves this month. We know you will want to be informed and you must know that every little helps. We are a faith-based organisation, whose faith is sometimes stretched, but over the years God has been faithful to us, allowing us to grow the work and always meet our budgets, year after year. We believe that He will do so again, but we want to bring our concerns to you as our faithful friends and supporters as soon as they become clear to us.

How you can help?

- A. Perhaps increase your regular giving by a small amount
- B. Perhaps send a one-off gift (gift-aided if possible)
- C. Consider sponsoring or joining our fundraising Thames Walk on 22 September (see newsletter)
- D. Discuss with your church leadership to see how they can help
- E. Galvanise with us in prayer

There is much to celebrate in the enclosed newsletter; we felt you would also want to know the latest situation and have the opportunity, prayerfully, to help.

In Christ



Mark Leveson and the Trustees  
CEO CRiBS



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## Action stations!

The Trustees will be keeping a very close eye on our financial position and reassessing at their next Full Trustees meeting on the 15th October 2018.

If you intend responding it would be extremely helpful to do so before before then.

### I am sending you

- A completed regular giving form (gift-aided where possible)
- A one-off gift (gift-aided if possible)
- A donation for the sponsored walk (cheques payable to CRiBS)
- An entry to the 25 Words competition

### Please send me (Tick where appropriate)

- A collection box
- Information about becoming an Unlimited Mentor
- Information on the School Assemblies Training
- A pack of 'What CRiBS does' to pass to my local school / church
- Information on becoming a CRiBS Ambassador

### Please contact me about the items above at:

Telephone..... or Email.....

Note: If responding please return this whole letter so we have your name and address.

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**If you have any questions regarding the above feel free  
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