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To whom it may concern:

Recommendation of 'Faith and Football'

This is the second year we have had the 'Faith and Football' programme running in our school. We have not only been extremely impressed with organisation and commitment of the team members, but the enjoyment of the children **and** the impact on their reading levels has been tremendous!

Some of the children who were initially our reluctant readers not only made accelerated progress but had a changed attitude towards their learning and as a result were more positive and enjoyed reading. One boy in Y2 even read aloud to the whole school during a celebration assembly as a result of the improvements he had made and was so confident and proud, it was a delight to see his face.

Feedback from staff who teach the children has also been very positive, they too have noticed the value added by the programme and are full of praise for the staff who so kindly volunteer on a regular basis and turn up every week to help our children.

We have had a number of children who were absolutely desperate to undertake the programme for the second year, even though it is designed as a one year package of support. However, the volunteers unable to turn this small group of children away allowed them to continue to join the group!

The children have also really engaged with the reading material, they enjoyed the Christian content and were happy to discuss the stories with me following the sessions. I feel the content, the structure of the sessions and the manner in which they are delivered has all enhanced the success of the programme.

As a school we are extremely grateful for the 'Faith and Football' team and the volunteers who so willingly give up their time to run the programme each week. I would recommend the project unreservedly to anyone else.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jo Jones, Headteacher