

This newsletter, from the Diocesan Education Team, is sent to Church school Headteachers, foundation governors, chairs of governors and clergy.

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December 2019

## News from the Diocese



Dear all,

This has been a busy term, as ever. One of our highlights was our annual church school leaders' conference on Wednesday 6 November. Over 50 people attended, most of whom are Heads, Deputies or foundation governors in church schools across Suffolk. Phyllida Hancock from Contender Charlie led an inspirational morning on influential leadership, drawing lessons on leadership from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. Delegates reflected together on the key challenges facing our schools, including meeting the needs of pupils (particularly special educational needs) within significant financial constraints. Please see our [website](#) for more information.

We launched the [Archbishop of York's Young Leaders Award](#), which helps to develop character and leadership skills in children and young people. All in all, this was a valuable day of networking and equipping our church school leaders.

As well as the Young Leaders Award Scheme we are encouraging schools and churches to make use of the free online resource [Inspired Classrooms](#). Do have a look at the website, which has lesson plans and challenges for teachers to use to make the most of a visit to their local church.



### Christmas Card

Acton CEVCP School kindly agreed to design our Christmas Card this year. This beautiful card was created by Ezra Reed, aged 9. Thank you to everyone involved and especially to Ezra. For more, please click [here](#).



### Christingle Service

A Christingle Service is being held in the Cathedral on 28 January 2020 at 1.45pm. Debenham High School will be leading the service with help from Guildhall Feoffment CP, Risby CEVCP, Sir Robert Hitcham CEVAP, Debenham and Westgate CP Schools.

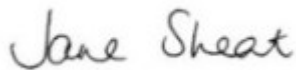
It was good to see so many governors at Framlingham College for a working dinner on 17 October. We are continually seeking new ways of serving schools.

It is always a pleasure to visit schools, and good to see Christmas celebrations across the diocese. In the midst of the busyness, I love this Advent season and the run-up to Christmas itself. May I offer this Advent prayer:

God of hope, who brought love into this world,  
be the love that dwells between us.  
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,  
be the peace that dwells between us.  
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,  
be the joy that dwells between us.  
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,  
be the centre, the focus of our lives  
always, and particularly this Advent time.

On behalf of the whole team, may I wish you all a very joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With all good wishes,



Jane Sheat  
Diocesan Director of Education

### **New Chair: Diocesan Board of Education**

The Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) works with church schools to support RE, Collective Worship and a Christian ethos, and to promote education in the diocese more widely. The DBE meets four times a year. The current Chair, the Ven Dr David Jenkins, Archdeacon of Sudbury is standing down as Chair of the DBE and we are delighted that Bishop Mike will be the new Chair from January 2020.

For more, please click [here](#).

### **Diocesan Art Project 2019**



Monday 25 November saw the launch of our third Diocesan Art Project for schools with a skills day led by art consultant Dave Morris. 18 delegates represented their schools. For more on this, please click [here](#).



### **Training - Spring term**

We have the following courses taking place next term:

- \* the second of three twilight sessions on leading a church school (see below)
- \* NQT RE (see below)
- \* Are you SIAMS ready? - a detailed look at SIAMS
- \* an introduction to SIAMS
- \* our termly Basics of RE and Collective Worship

To find out more, please visit the [Diocesan website](#); or contact [Jacqui Studd](#).



### **Dates for your diary:**

#### **Sunday 11 October 2020**

An education service will again be held in the cathedral at Bury St Edmunds at 3.30pm.

#### **Small Schools Forum**

The Small Schools Forum is aimed at Heads and Governors of small schools and takes place every term.

The next meeting takes place on **Monday 9 March at Coddham Centre, 4.00-5.30pm.**

If you would like to attend, please contact [Jacqui Studd](#).

## News from Schools

Pupils from Starfish class at **St Margaret's CEVAP School, Ipswich** recently visited The Ark on the Waterfront in Ipswich and were filmed for the BBC's



Songs of Praise to be shown in the New Year. The life-size Noah's Ark museum is currently based in Ipswich. The Ark is open seven days a week. For more information about visiting and details to arrange group and school visits please visit: [www.arkmuseum.eu](http://www.arkmuseum.eu)



The School Council at **Tattingstone CEVCP School** recently visited the Palace of Westminster and the Houses of Parliament. There was a tour of Parliament, followed by a workshop based on voting, culminating in a Q&A session to the school's MP James Cartledge. For more on this story, please click [here](#).

### Congratulations!



**Congratulations** to Sharon Shelley, teacher at King Edward VI School, Bury St Edmunds who won the Bury Free Press Teacher of the Year award. For more, please click [here](#).

**Congratulations** also to the following teachers from church schools who were nominated.

**All Saints' CEVCP, Lawshall:** Hannah Marsden and Ryan Noonan

**Barnham CEVCP:** Amy Arnold, Ian Holman, Moira King, Isabella Anderson, Isobel Potter

**Barningham CEVCP:** Kate Shelton

**Elveden CofE Primary:** Lorna Rourke, Zoe Maguire

**Great Whelnetham CofE Primary:** Lynn Barbrooke

**Great Barton CofE Primary:** Will Martin

**Honington CEVCP:** Jo Currie

**Hopton CEVCP:** Daniel McDonald, Jan Hughes, Ali Horsfall

**Ixworth CofE Primary:** Sophie Ling, Rachel Bishop, Louise Price

## More news from schools

Pupils from **St Edmundsbury CEVAP School** visited St Edmundsbury Cathedral in November to help study the book they are reading this term, Floodland, by Marcus Sedgewick. For more on this, please see the [Bury Free Press](#)

To mark anti-bullying week, pupils from **Norton CEVCP School** went into school wearing odd socks in November. For more, please see the [Bury Free Press](#)

**Rougham CofE Primary School** welcomed a Holocaust survivor in October to talk about her memories of the Second World War. For more on this story, please see the [Bury Free Press](#)



### RE for NQTs

Wednesday 22 January,  
9.30am – 3.30pm  
Trinity CEVAP, Stowmarket  
A practical introduction to the teaching of great RE in Suffolk Primary Schools. For more information or to book, please click [here](#).

### Leading a Church School

The next session on Strategy and Leadership, takes place on **14 January 2020, 4.00 - 5.30pm**. You may be a very experienced school leader or in your first headship post but there will be something for you in these discussions – and the opportunity to network is invaluable! (And there will be cake!)



**King Edward VI School, Bury St Edmunds:** Sharon Shelley, Natalie Punchard, Robin Woodhouse

**Risby CEVCP:** Andrew Marwood, Louise Filby, Rachel Barrett, Soo Miller

**Rougham CofE Primary:** Gordon Leathers, Clare Clark, Annette Maguire

**St Christopher's CofE Primary, Red Lodge:** James Johnson, Caroline James, Elisa Smith

**St Edmundsbury CEVAP, Bury St Edmunds:** Tom Suckling, Catriona Brinkley

**St Mary's CofE Academy, Mildenhall:** Roxanne Rutter

**Thurston CofE Primary:** Elisa Innocenzio, Lauren Earrye

**Trinity CEVAP, Stowmarket:** Danielle Bell, Sara Terndrup, Jennifer Atkins

**Congratulations** to **Barrow CEVCP School** which recently won the Silver Artsmark accolade. The Artsmark Award is a creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England. For more on this story please see the [Bury Free Press](#) and to find out more about Artsmark please click [here](#).

**Congratulations** to **Moulton CEVCP School** on winning the Go Ape School of The Year award as part of the 2019 Greene King West Suffolk Sports Awards. For more on this story, please click [here](#).

### **Ofsted Inspections**

Eyke CofE Primary

Nacton CofE Primary

Palgrave CofE Primary

St Christopher's CofE Primary,  
Red Lodge

### **SIAMS Inspections**

Bedfield CEVCP

East Bergholt CEVCP

Rattlesden CofE Primary

Sproughton CofE Primary

St Matthew's CofE Primary,  
Ipswich

Thurston CofE Primary

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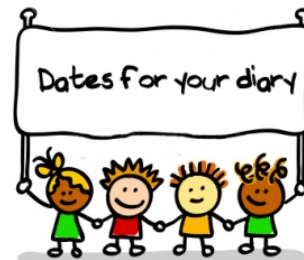
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### **For the Attention of Headteachers**

If you are retiring or resigning as Headteacher, please do let us know. Jane, Karen or Phil will attend meetings with your Governors to advise on the headship appointment, alongside the Local Authority. We can be in contact with your Chair of Governors and make sure that we are available for dates for shortlisting and interviews. Many thanks.

For more information, please click [here](#).

The final session on Embedding Christianity will take place on: **7 May 2020, 4pm.**



### **Epiphany**

6 January 2020

### **Big Schools' Birdwatch**

6 January - 21 February  
2020

### **Chinese New Year**

25 January 2020

### **Holocaust Memorial Day**

27 January 2020

### **National Storytelling Week**

1-8 February 2020

### **Candlemas**

2 February 2020

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

3-9 February 2020

### **NSPCC Number Day**

7 February 2020

### **Valentine's Day**

14 February 2020

### **Random Acts of Kindness Day**

17 February 2020

### **Fairtrade Fortnight**

24 February - 8 March 2020

### **Shrove Tuesday**

25 February 2020

### **World Book Day**

5 March 2020

### **Sport Relief**

9-13 March 2020

**Get ready for Christmas 2019 with #FollowTheStar**

Building on the very positive feedback and huge amount of engagement in #FollowTheStar 2018, the Church of England are delighted to be using the same theme for Advent and Christmas in 2019 as well! For more information, please click [here](#).



**News from the Department of Education**

**Character education framework**

Non-statutory guidance to schools on character education and development for pupils. One of the schemes recommended by the DfE in this report is the [Archbishop of York's Young Leaders Award](#). Please click [here](#) to see the report.



**News from the Church of England**

**Relationships, Sex and Health Education**

The Church of England has produced a Charter and resources to support schools in delivering Relationships, Sex and Health Education. For more information, please click [here](#).

**Visionary Curriculum Leadership**

The 4th National Conference of the CofE Foundation for Educational Leadership will take place on Thursday 6 February 2020 at the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster SW1H 9NH. Keynote speakers include:

- Dr Paula Gooder, Canon Chancellor, St Paul's Cathedral
- The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, The Archbishop of Canterbury
- Mary Myatt, Author & Educator

For more information, please click [here](#).

**Springs Dance Company Get Fit Go Green**

Energetic, action packed dance workshops that help children think about climate change and improve their fitness. For more on this workshop, please click [here](#).

**News from YOUR School**

What we are asking for is photos, short articles, web-page references, etc that we can highlight in the next and subsequent editions of this newsletter so that your school's achievements can be broadcast to a wider audience. Please send items electronically to [Jacqui](#) and we'll be pleased to include them.

**Easter Project**

**2020** provides a thought-provoking and exciting way to explore the Easter story. For more on this workshop please click [here](#).

**From your Diocesan Education Team**



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