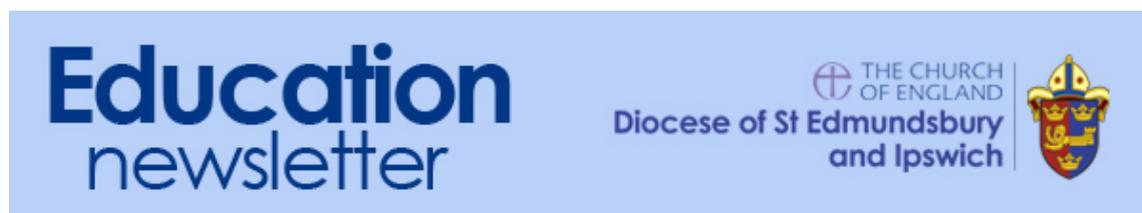


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May 2019

News from the Diocese

Dear all,

This half-term seems to have flown by! I hope that SATs went well last week and that the exam season goes well at Debenham High and King Edward's. It was good to welcome three new co-opted members of the Diocesan Board of Education to their first meeting recently: Gill Mitchell, Head at East Bergholt CEVCP, Elaine Burdiss, Head at Elmsett CEVCP and Frances Parr, Head at Barningham CEVCP. Many thanks to all three for volunteering to join.

This is always a busy time of year for interviews. I am pleased to let you know that we have appointed a new Diocesan Schools' Adviser to replace Helen Matter, who retires in August. Gemma Kingston, currently Deputy Principal at St Mary's Church of England Academy in Mildenhall, will start full-time in September. We look forward to Gemma joining the team. We shall be saying farewell to Helen Matter and Helen Woodroffe, Diocesan Children's Officer at a special service at the cathedral in Bury St Edmunds on Thursday 6 June at 6.30pm. I do hope you are able to come. All are welcome.

As we plan ahead for the new school year, I am delighted that we have booked Contender Charlie for our annual church school leaders' conference on 6 November. Three years ago Phyllida Hancock presented a highly popular workshop on Inspirational Leadership, based on Shakespeare's Henry V. We look forward to welcoming Phyllida back to lead a workshop on Influential Leadership, based on Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. Highly recommended!

Please read on for more news and resources. As we approach May half-term, may I wish you all a very relaxing break.

With all good wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jane Sheat'.

Jane Sheat
Diocesan Director of Education



Training for the Summer term

- * Moving to Senior Leadership
- * Summer RE Conference
- * Church school senior staff resilience afternoon
- * Church school Heads resilience day
- * Are you SIAMS ready?

To find out more, please visit the [Diocesan website](#);

or contact [Jacqui Studd](#).

The Jerusalem Trust's Small Grants to Schools Scheme

The Trust supports the teaching of Christianity within RE by providing schools with grants of up to £600 to purchase resources for use in RE lessons. For more please click [here](#)

News from Schools



Bishop Martin visited **Walsham-le-Willows CEVCP School** on a beautiful spring morning in April to unveil a mosaic designed by children at the school to mark the launch of the school's newly developed Christian vision.

The school involved its entire community in the development of its Christian vision by launching a whole-school competition where the best visual elements submitted by the children would be developed into a large mosaic, a pictorial representation of the school's vision, which was unveiled by Bishop Martin and then would be permanently displayed on a prominent external wall at the school. More on this story is available on our [website](#).

It was a pleasure to attend the annual School Farm and Country Fair at Trinity Park near Ipswich on 25 April. It was good to see a number of church schools there, enjoying a fantastic range of stalls and learning more about food, the environment and agriculture. If you haven't been before, may I recommend it? Next year will be the 20th year. Organised by the Suffolk Agricultural Association, like the Suffolk Show (29 and 30 May), it is a great day for pupils.

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



The new entrance hall at **All Saints' CofE Primary School, Newmarket**. The school has been developing its vision based on the crown and children and staff have been fully involved and the result is great.

Dates for your diary:

Small Schools' Forum - Monday 1 July 2019

Please do come along to the next meeting of our Small Schools' Forum. We are meeting on Monday 1 July at Coddendam. Tea and coffee will be available from 4pm and we will start at 4.15pm and finish at 5.30pm. The forum is for Headteachers and governors. Dr Paul Parslow-Williams, Headteacher at Charsfield, Dennington and Occold will speak on Ofsted. All welcome.

Sunday 6 October 2019

An education service will again be held in the cathedral at Bury St Edmunds at 5.30pm.

Wednesday 6 November 2019

The annual church school leaders' conference will be at the St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich.



On World Book day, pupils at **St Matthew's CofE Primary School, Ipswich** focussed on the Bible.

Each class took a bible story and produced a canvas to be displayed around the school.

The school hope that the canvases will encourage people to read the Bible and also to be a visual reminder that they are a church school.

To see all the canvases, please click [here](#).



Pupils at **Tattingstone CEVCP School** took part in the Eucharist journey on 2 April 2019. The children in the pictures above are enjoying themselves taking part in a variety of stations offered as part of the day.



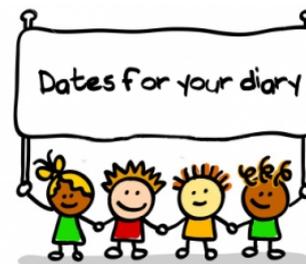
Thurston CofE Primary School held a Victorian day on Monday

More news from Schools

Pupils at **Barrow CEVCP School** have been involved in a garden project which fits well with the school's value this term of caring for creation. For more on this story, please see the [Bury Free Press](#).

Pupils from years 4, 5 and 6 at **Orford CEVAP School** have, for the third year running, qualified for the world finals of the Maths in Motion engineering challenge for schools. For more, please click [here](#).

St Matthew's CofE Primary School, Ipswich featured in the latest instalment of the The East Anglian Daily Times series about multicultural Ipswich. For more on the story, please click [here](#).



[Child Safety Week](#)

3 - 9 June 2019

[World Environment Day](#)

5 June 2019

[World Oceans Day](#)

8 June 2019

[Children's Art Week](#)

8 - 16 June 2019

Pentecost

9 June 2019

[Healthy Eating Week](#)

10 - 14 June 2019

Father's Day

16 June 2019

[Suffolk Day / Summer Solstice](#)

21 June 2019

[National School Sports Week](#)

24 - 28 June 2019

29 April to celebrate the School's 150th anniversary. Kathy Lambert, Headteacher writes: "The Diocese provided some interesting details from records and parents asked their grandparents about the old Victorian building which was on the site prior to the more modern one.

Our day was lovely with a really traditional collective worship, singing All Things Bright and Beautiful and saying the older version of The Lord's Prayer, followed by Maypole dancing and learning about life as a Victorian child."

The story was featured in the East Anglian Daily Times, please click [here](#).

Ofsted Inspections

Cockfield CEVCP

Palgrave CofE Primary

Outcomes

Good

Good

SIAMS Inspections

Chelmondiston CofE Primary

Dennington CofE Primary

Long Melford CofE Primary

Mellis CofE Primary

St Edmundsbury CEVAP

Outcomes

Good

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Requires
Improvement

Headteacher resignations

We will be saying goodbye to the following Headteacher who is leaving a church school this summer:

- Liz Donaldson who is leaving Kersey CEVCP and Hintlesham and Chattisham CofE Primary School

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.

News from the Department of Education

Education inspection framework 2019: inspecting the substance of education

14 May 2019

Ofsted has published the outcome of the consultation on its new education inspection framework, which will take effect from September 2019.

For more please click [here](#).

News from the Diocesan Multi Academy Trust

We were sorry to say farewell recently to Sam Fielden, one of our two Business and Finance Officers who has a new job. We are currently advertising her post. For more information, please click [here](#).

How to help your team thrive at work

This people manager's guide from CIPD outlines four steps every manager can take to make sure stress doesn't get in the way of success. For a copy, please click [here](#).

Effective parental engagement

United Learning has published a handbook for schools on effective parental engagement which contains a review of the research on the elements of successful practice in this area, case studies and a series of practical tools and information to support parents in working with their children. The Handbook is available by clicking [here](#).

News from the Church of England

Enabling Flourishing

In the latest issue of 'Called, Connected, Committed', the CofE Foundation for Educational Leadership explore a crucial topic for leaders - namely flourishing and what it might look like in a school context. Also in this issue is the overview of the Foundation's new Leadership Practices Matrix, and a range of other videos and book reviews in this area. Available for download from [here](#).

International School Projects to feature in national report

The Church of England are looking for examples of exciting and innovative international school link projects to feature in a new CofE publication. Next year they will publish a collection of case studies which will be selected to demonstrate and share good practice in developing international school links. If your school has a great project to share they would love to hear from you and your school may feature in the nationally published report.

The CofE are particularly interested in the following:

- School to school links formed through diocesan companion links.
- Projects that focus on the international/multi-cultural community in the school's local area.
- Projects and links focused on the theme of reconciliation, for example ICONS (International Cross of Nails Schools).
- Online based school to school links.
- International links that include development and learning for teachers as well as pupils, for example teacher exchanges.
- International projects that involve schools working with further education colleges or universities.
- Schools in rural locations creating international links.

Projects can be fully developed or still be in the process of development. They would like to hear from primary and secondary schools.

Details can be sent using an online form, please click [here](#). Deadline for responses is Friday 31 May 2019.

Any questions, please get in touch [Jemma Adams](#)



Thy Kingdom Come

is the call of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York for people to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' from Ascension Day to Pentecost, particularly praying for people to know the love of God – to know Jesus.

There is a new feature on the Thy Kingdom Come website to focus prayers for our local communities. 'Light up the World'. For more information please click [here](#).



It's Your Move - a fun and friendly guide to moving to secondary school. This revised edition offers lots of advice, together with stories of real people who have already made the move. This book makes an ideal gift for Year 6 pupils. Currently they are on special offer - £14 for 10 instead of the usual £20. Please click here for [more](#)

Worth-Less? Campaign

As many of you know the politely relentless campaign to secure improved funding for schools goes on. Last year 2,000 Heads in the politest and best behaved protest London



has seen went from Parliament Square to No.10 to present a petition calling on the government to increase funding to schools so that schools might ensure that all children get the education they need and deserve.

In the year since then there have been improvements including part funding of the salary increases and a contribution to the pension contributions - but despite a meeting with Damien Hinds, Secretary of State for Education, there is still far, far more needed for schools simply to deliver as they are now. So on Friday 27 September, Jules White is calling on Headteachers to march again. He would like 5,000 Headteachers to be there this time.

If you are a governor I hope that you will support your Headteacher in this - you know the challenges that increasing austerity causes to your schools and see it every meeting in the budgets. And if your Headteacher really cannot go – could you march instead?

I am well aware that a day out of school is not only difficult to manage but often means hours of catch-up afterwards but I would

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.

urge you to think seriously about being part of this for several reasons:

Firstly, the children in your school deserve the support and resources they need to achieve their potential. That is all we ask for.

Secondly Heads are committed to this from Somerset to Cumbria and Gloucester to Lincolnshire – for them it will be hugely disruptive but they are willing to go that distance for the children. They deserve our support.

And thirdly, our schools were founded, in almost every case, to serve 'the poor of the parish'. Is it not part of our Christian distinctiveness to speak out for the benefit of those less fortunate? So please, put September 27 in your diary – and stand with your colleagues.

Thank you.
Karen Harman, Deputy Diocesan Director of Education

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