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Education newsletter

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of St Edmundsbury
and Ipswich



February 2020

News from the Diocese

Dear all,

This newsletter comes with news of various events and resources designed to support you. Please do take advantage of these. I commend the Small Schools Forum which meets on Monday 9 March to small schools and large. We are keen to help schools prepare for Ofsted inspections and Roisin Wiseman will give her insights into her recent experience at Wilby CEVCP.

I was sorry to receive Karen Harman's resignation as Deputy DDE recently. It has always been Karen's intention to retire this summer, but we will miss her. We are currently advertising- <https://www.cofesuffolk.org/vacancies> so do please have a look and pass on to anyone you think may be interested. Karen has initiated a number of events, including Leading a church school and a Christingle service. Our thanks to Karen, five participating schools and to the cathedral for the service held on 28 January, complete with a giant Christingle (please see below).

A group of us attended the fourth national conference organised by the Church of England's Foundation for Education Leadership last week. Some 800 people attended, including a good number of young people who led worship and attended their own student leader workshops. At the conference the latest leadership resource was launched- "Called, Connected, Committed" available for download here- <https://www.cefel.org.uk/ccc/> The Archbishop of Canterbury spoke and one of the keynote speakers on Visionary Curriculum Leadership was Mary Myatt, who is well known in Suffolk. It was good to be inspired along with church school heads and diocesan education teams from across the country.

In our own diocese, we are working on a range of policies which we hope will support church schools on RE, Collective Worship and Relationships and Sex Education. More details will follow in our next newsletter. Please look out for separate information about SIAMS from Phil Knowles, as we prepare to offer a healthcheck for schools midway between SIAMS inspections. You may also like to look out for Gemma Kingston's RE newsletter, with details of the updated Emmanuel Project 2020, out soon.

School Visits

If you wish to request a visit from a bishop, please do contact the Bishop's Office: email or tel: 01473 252829. You will need to plan well in advance because of busy diaries!



Upcoming Training

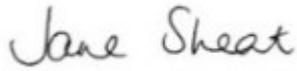
- * twilight sessions on leading a church school (see below)
- * our termly Basics of RE and Basics of CW courses;
- * a twilight session on Christianity for Heads by the Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison (see below);
- * wellbeing events for Heads and senior staff, as well as administrators (see below);
- * and full day and twilight courses on SIAMS.

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

I hope that you enjoy February half-term.

May you see Christ in others,
Be Christ to others,
That we may dwell in him, and he in us.

With all good wishes



Jane Sheat
Diocesan Director of Education

ADMISSIONS – A Reminder for Headteachers and governors

1. Your governors need to determine your Admissions policy for 2021-2022 before 28 February 2020.
2. You need to send a determined copy to the [local authority](#) and to [Karen Harman](#) on – or before – then.
3. Finally ensure that the policy for 2021-2022 is on your website alongside the 19/20 one and the 20/21 one.



Wellbeing events at Assington Hall, Sudbury

For Administrators

Friday 15 May, 11.00am - 4.00pm

Following the successful resilience session that we offered for school administrators in February 2019, we will be providing a similar opportunity in 2020. We are very aware that office staff are often the face of the school and multi-task in many ways for the benefit of the children. After a light lunch there will be discussion and reflection on being Resilient and then there will be time to reflect, network with colleagues, read or pray and enjoy the surroundings.

For Heads and Senior Staff

Friday 3 July, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Our annual wellbeing event for Heads and now senior staff will involve guest speakers leading reflections followed by time to reflect, network, pray or read and enjoy the surroundings.

To find out more about these events, please contact [Jacqui Studd](#).



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 22 April

We are delighted that Bishop Mike, our new Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education is leading a twilight session for heads and governors at the St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich. This will be a great opportunity to discuss how to lead a church school that is deeply Christian, serving the common good, in the words of the Church of England's vision for education.

Monday 9 March

As mentioned above, the next Small Schools Forum takes place at Coddendam Centre, 4pm to 5.30pm. There is no cost. If you would like to attend, please contact [Jacqui Studd](#), tel 01473 298570.

Sunday 11 October

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

Wednesday 18 November

The [annual church school leaders' conference](#) will be at the St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich.

LEADING A CHURCH SCHOOL

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!

The second session on Strategy and Leadership is being re-run on **Tuesday 3 March 4pm**. The final session on Embedding Christianity takes place on **7 May 2020 4pm**.

To book please contact [Jacqui Studd](#)

News from Schools

Congratulations!



Christingle service 28 January 2020

Following the success of last year's Christingle, Debenham High School organised this year's service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Over 200 young people came together to celebrate from the following schools: Sir Robert Hitcham CEVAP, Debenham, Risby CEVCP, Guildhall Feoffment Community Primary and Westgate Community Primary. Dean Joe created a huge Christingle with the help of pupils from the schools. Congratulations and thanks to Debenham High School for organising and to all the schools and pupils who took part.

Congratulations to **Bedfield CEVCP School** which has committed to correctly disposing of waste after opening their new recycling shed in a project supported by EDF Energy. For more please see the [East Anglian Daily Times](#) (EADT).

Congratulations to **Debenham High School** on being recently ranked as the 11th best state secondary school in the Sunday Times Parent Power guide for 2020. For more please see the [EADT](#).

Congratulations to the pupils, Head and staff at **Elmsett CEVCP School** on their KS2 maths results for 2019. The school received a [congratulatory letter](#) from the Rt Hon Nick Gibbs MP, Secretary of State for School Standards.

Congratulations to **Great Whelnetham CofE Primary School** which raised £96.70 for Save the Children with their Wear a Christmas Jumper Day.

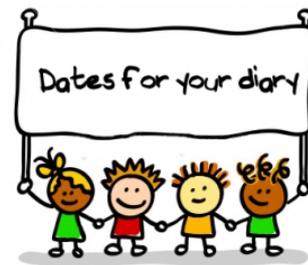
Congratulations to **St Matthew's CofE Primary School** on winning Virgin Radio's '12 Schools of Christmas' competition with a song called 'Christmas Everyday'. As part of the prize, Chris Evans came to St Matthew's on Friday 20 December and broadcast his Breakfast Show live from the school hall. For more on this, please visit the school [website](#). For the song, please see Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTwzjh8yIT4>

Congratulations to pupils at **Worlingworth CEVCP School** who wrote to their local milk supplier and asked them to stop using plastic milk cartons. Milk is now provided in recyclable glass bottles. For more, please see the [EADT](#).

More School News

Pupils from **Barrow CEVCP School** gave an amazing array of Christmas performances before the end of last term which were reported by the [Bury Free Press](#).

EYFS pupils from **Tudor CofE Primary School, Sudbury** visited Shimpling Farm near Bury St Edmunds with parents and staff in December. They collected greenery and made beautiful Christmas Wreaths to take home. The added bonus was that the children were featured on Look East on 11 December and in the [EADT](#).



St David's Day
1 March 2020

Word Book Day
5 March 2020

Commonwealth Day
9 March 2020

Sport relief
13 March 2020

St Patrick's Day
17 March 2020

World Poetry Day
21 March 2020

World Water Day
22 March 2020

Mothering Sunday
22 March 2020

International Children's Book Day
2 April 2020



Congratulations to **Cavendish CEVCP School** which recently received the Wire Award in Suffolk. For further information on WIRE and how to apply, please click [here](#).

Ofsted Inspections

Moulton CEVCP

Wilby CEVCP

Outcomes

Good

Good

SIAMS Inspections

Orford CEVAP

St Margaret's CEVAP, Ipswich

Tattingstone CEVCP

Outcomes

Good

Excellent

Good

Headteacher resignations/retirements

We will be saying goodbye to the following Headteachers who are leaving church schools at the end of the summer term:

- Lynne Golding who is leaving Whatfield CEVCP School
- Angela Hunter who is leaving Walsham Le Willows CEVCP School
- Frances Parr who is leaving Barningham CEVCP School
- Julia Upton who is leaving Debenham High School to become Head at Kesgrave High School in Ipswich

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 Church of England

Called, Connected, Committed

This new publication draws on the Church of England's Vision for Education, offering structured reflections and questions to support leadership development. Please click [here](#).



Churches and families everywhere are coming together to share food and stories of the incredible things that God has done in their lives. **The Big Scrumptious Faith-Filled Feast** is a fun, easy way to tell the next generation about Jesus. For more, please click [here](#).



The Egg That Shares the Easter Story

2020 is the tenth anniversary of The Real Easter Egg. Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has an Easter story book, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects.

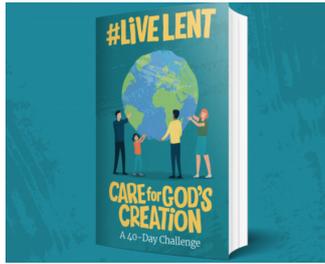
For schools, inside each of the Easter story books there is a chance to win £200 worth of book tokens. For more on this, please click [here](#).



Noah's Ark has extended its stay on the waterfront in Ipswich until 31 March 2020.

The CofE website has lots of useful publications:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/education-and-schools/education-publications>

#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation is the Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2020. With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created.



This year's #LiveLent challenge offers 40 short reflections and suggested actions to help families and churches live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature. For more please click [here](#).

News from the Department of Education

Character Education Framework

This guidance provides schools with six benchmarking questions to support reflection and the self-evaluation of current provision. Plus case studies to show how some schools have developed character education. For more, please click [here](#).

The Art offers group bookings for 20 people or more. Please visit the website by clicking [here](#) for more information. The contact email for all school and group enquiries is info@arkmuseum.eu

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.

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