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Education newsletter

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of St Edmundsbury
and Ipswich



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News from the Diocese

Dear colleagues,

This newsletter comes with news of upcoming events, training and resources which I hope you will find useful. I am very aware of how hard everyone in schools are working and hope that the May half-term will provide some welcome rest, now that restrictions are lifting.

It has been so good to be in schools this term. We are pleased to be offering SIAMS support visits, interviewing for headships and seeing children again. We are continuing to hold meetings and training sessions via Zoom for now and will keep this under review. Please see details of our termly Headteachers' forum and Chairs of governors' forum opposite. We are also holding wellbeing sessions for Headteachers, administrative staff and governors this term, as well as a new governor training session on monitoring (more below).

The Church of England has recently been approved as one of nine national providers of national professional qualifications for teachers. The DfE has reformed its whole suite of professional development and this is an exciting step. National training will be delivered by key local delivery partners and we hope that church schools will be able to access high quality training (further details are available [here](#)). The Church of England has already successfully run four cohorts of the CofE Professional Qualification for Headship and it was good to hear Darren Gates, Headteacher at St Matthew's CofE Primary in Ipswich present on 23 March, having successfully completed his CofEPQH.

Further changes to teacher training also come in from September 2021 with the introduction of the Early Career Framework, and a two year induction for Early Career Teachers replacing the current one year induction for Newly Qualified Teachers. For more please click [here](#).

Also from September, the management and administration of SIAMS inspections, quality assurance of inspection practice and of reports (including critical reading) and inspector training will come from the new national team. Dioceses will no longer deal with any of the administrative aspects of SIAMS inspections but will retain responsibility for providing

Upcoming Forums

Heads' Forum

Monday 24 May -
1.30pm

Chairs' Forum

Wednesday 26 May -
4.00pm

Small Schools Forum

Monday 28 June -
4.00pm

The Forums are free.
For any queries or to
book, please contact
[Jacqui Studd](#)



Dates for your diary:

**Sunday 3 October 2021,
5.30pm**

We are hoping to hold our annual church schools education service at the Cathedral at Bury St Edmunds.

**Wednesday 3 November
2021**

This is the date scheduled for our annual church school leaders' conference.

SIAMS training advice, and support for schools. Our SIAMS support visits are part of this support.

With changes on the horizon and much to deal with in school, please be assured of our ongoing support. I hope you will find the Church of England's [Thy Kingdom Come](#) resources helpful. As we approach Pentecost, may we be reminded afresh of the renewing Holy Spirit who is at work in the world and in us.

With all good wishes from all of us,

Jane Sheat

Jane Sheat
Diocesan Director of Education

News from Schools

Congratulations!



Congratulations to pupils at **Cavendish CEVCP School** on this beautiful living cross which every child in the school contributed to. It was attached to the school gate so that the whole community could enjoy it overlooking the village green.



Congratulations to staff at **Barnham CEVCP School** who have been reflecting one year on. Amy Arnold, Headteacher writes: "As we approached the one-year anniversary, we wanted to find a way for our staff to stop and acknowledge all they have been through."

The reflection, introduced to all staff by a video message from the Rev Dr Karen Burton, thanked "staff for EVERYTHING they have done for all our families and one another and



Virtual Training - summer term

- * the final twilight session on leading a church school;
- * a new session for governors on monitoring;
- * an annual update for RE Subject Leaders;
- * Diving Deeper in RE;
- * Spiritual development in primary schools;
- * Assessment in RE; and
- * a HLTA Forum.

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



Dates for resilience events this term

For Chairs and Vice Chairs of Governors
Friday 18 June, 1.30-3.30pm

For Heads/senior staff
Friday 2 July, 10.00am-12.30pm

For more details, please click on the course title. For any queries, please contact [Jacqui Studd](#)

acknowledged that they may have things to 'put down' or 'let go' from the past year.

Each staff member received a little brown paper bag, with a prayer, thought prompts and an activity to represent any regrets or losses dissolving away and into the hands of God. It is the first in a series of activities designed to support staff during these tricky times."



Thank you to local businesses and parents who have helped **St Mary's CofE Primary School, Woodbridge** remove old playground equipment. Alex Gwynne, deputy head said it was a real group effort to get the work done. The school is currently fundraising to replace the equipment which they hope to do over the summer holidays. For more on this, please see the [EADT](#)

The school was also in the news when pupils planted three new fruit trees in the school's prayer garden in March. The trees had been donated by the Town Council earlier this year. For more, please see the [EADT](#)

Kindness Patience Peace Respect Courage Wisdom	Believe and Achieve Everything is possible for one who believes Mark 9:23	Independence Motivation Perseverance Aiming High Creativity Teamwork
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Congratulations to **Stonham Aspal CEVAP School** which recently relaunched its new ethos and values. These are now underpinned by the motto of 'Believe and Achieve' – everything is possible for one who believes, Mark 9:23. The school has linked its motto and Bible verse to the teacher awards as can be seen from the illustration above.



At this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show (21-26 September), there will be a show garden on the theme of Psalm 23, sponsored by the Bible Society.

The Bible Society hope that communities, including school communities, will be inspired to create a Psalm 23 garden of their own, or to give new life to an existing garden. To help make creating a Psalm 23-inspired school garden easy, free videos and downloadable resources are available [here](#).



Opposite and below are some examples of corridor displays that were also produced during the school's Ethos and Values morning.

The school is also in the process of collecting children's ideas for a new school logo to incorporate the motto, the Church and how the children grow in every way on their journey through Primary School.



Fischy Music has added some new songs for schools and churches. For more, please click [here](#)



**"HoptON YOUR MARKS,
GET SET, GO!"**

Congratulations
to **Hopton CEVCP School**
on its lovely new outdoor
learning environment.
Willow class ran and leapt
into the air with much
anticipation and vigour at
the unveiling.

Mr McDonald, Willow Class teacher writes: "From the enormous mud kitchen, the construction pulley zone, stage for stars, enticing water wall, learning hub lodge or sandtastic sand area there are so many opportunities to grow and develop.



Hopton CEVC Primary utilise 'Values for Life' as an important part of school life and one in particular is certainly at the forefront of our minds at the moment as we appreciate how fortunate we are to learn in such an engaging environment, Thankfulness. We shall show our thanks by using our school 'Curriculum Driver'.....PLAY!"

Congratulations to **Great Barton CofE Academy** which has been awarded a Bronze Modeshift Star for their efforts in helping tackle climate change. For more on this, please see [Suffolk News](#)



Congratulations to Y6 pupils at **St Edmundsbury CEVAP School** for this stunning artwork. Shaun Valentine, Headteacher writes that this was "in response to learning about Holy Week and Easter. I thought they were a very clever way of linking all that the symbol of the cross means with the beauty and simplicity of God's creation, whilst adding an element of creativity of their own." We agree!



Gee Seven is a toe-tapping new song created by Sir Tim Rice and Peter Hobbs for Sing2G7. They are encouraging schools to take part to enable children to raise their voices in song and be heard by world leaders. There will also be prayer and collective worship resources to follow. For more please visit the website by clicking [here](#).



Christian Aid and the Church of England Education Office are looking to engage assessors to support the Global Neighbours accreditation scheme for primary schools. Further details about the accreditation scheme are available [here](#). For more information on becoming an assessor please click [here](#) and for an application form [here](#). Applications are invited by Monday 7 June 2021 and successful applicants will be notified by the end of June 2021.



Classroom Worship from iSingPOP is a fun-filled and engaging resource designed to unite the whole school in inspiring Collective Worship, even though children may be gathering in smaller bubbles or individual classes For more please click [here](#).



Congratulation to St Gregory CEVCP School for making a video for Red Nose Day 2021, thanking real-life superheroes which was sent to over 500 doctors, nurses, shop workers, delivery drivers and more.

To see the video, please click [here](#). The school received some lovely comments from schools, organisations and also actors Michael Sheen, Sanjeev Bhaskar, and Comic Relief producer Emma Freud.

Congratulation to Mrs Pink, a teaching assistant in the Special Education Unit at St Gregory CEVCP School, Sudbury who has been shortlisted for the Pearson Teaching Assistant of the year award. For the EADT article, please click [here](#).



Congratulations to **Wetheringsett CofE Primary School** on the lovely extension to the school's entrance. The school's vision from Matthew 13:31 -32 is written on the wall 'It is the smallest of seeds but when it grows up it is the biggest of all plants. It becomes a tree, so that birds come and make their nests.' Jane visited in April and is pictured here with pupils.

Headteacher retirements/resignations

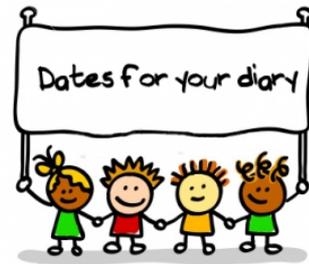
We offer our thanks and best wishes to the following Headteachers who are leaving at the end of this term:

- Annie Hookway who is leaving Wetheringsett CofE Primary
- Jane Trampnow who is leaving All Saints' CofE Primary, Newmarket

Headteacher appointments

Congratulations to the following Headteachers on their appointment with effect 1 September 2021

- Lynne Golding who has been appointed as interim Headteacher at Wetheringsett CofE Primary
- Barbara Rodel who has been appointed as Headteacher at All Saints' CofE Primary, Newmarket
- Julia Bowles who has been appointed as Headteacher at St Mary's CEVCP, Benhall
- Maxine McGarr who has been appointed as Headteacher at Walsham le Willows CEVCP



Pentecost
23 May 2021

World Environment Day
5 June 2021

Child Safety Week
7 - 13 June 2021

World Oceans Day
8 June 2021

Healthy Eating Week
14 - 18 June 2021

Refugee Week
14 - 20 June 2021

Father's Day
20 June 2021

Suffolk Day
21 June 2021

National Thank a Teacher Day
23 June 2021

National School Sports Week
19 - 25 June 2021

Schools' Choice Clerks

Schools' Choice are currently looking for new clerks to join their team and would like to hear from governors. This is a flexible role that can fit in around other commitments and clerks are able to choose how much or how little work to take on. Full training and ongoing support are provided.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested please contact [Catherine Barratt](#) for further details.

We also send best wishes to Laura Newark, Head at Sir Robert Hitcham CEVAP, Debenham who goes on maternity leave at the beginning of July.

For the Attention of Headteachers

If you are retiring or resigning as Headteacher, please do let us know. Jane, Sue 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

SIAMS inspections

SIAMS inspections will resume in the autumn term. For more please click [here](#).

Statement of Entitlement for Collective Worship

A new statement of entitlement and expectation for collective worship has been published to support church schools. For more, please click [here](#).

News from the Department of Education

Ofsted inspections

Regular graded Ofsted inspections will resume in September but monitoring visits have restarted this term. For more, please click [here](#).

Ofsted publishes research review on religious education

Ofsted has published the second in a series of reviews into different subjects across the curriculum. The first review on science and the second review on RE are available [here](#).

Parents survey 2021

Ofsted has published its annual Parents Survey for 2021 which shows a large majority of parents (87%) think that schools have handled the pandemic well. To see the report, please click [here](#).

Millie's prayer (Year 5, Cavendish CEVCP School)

Dear God
We thank you for your creations that keep us alive,
for your making us creations that make us happy.
You give us so much, so you should have a gift back,
which will be our sharing with other people.
We thank you for giving us your son
who changed our world.
We will treasure and love and keep your creation safe.
We hope you forgive us when we do wrong, and help
us to keep our freedom.
You are our father forever. Amen



Spring Dance

Company presents PARABLE, a new professional performance and integrated workshop providing schools with a chance to boost children's engagement with RE. For further details, click [here](#)



The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition (QCEC) is the world's oldest writing competition for schools, and a rare opportunity for young people's voices to be heard by a global audience. Each year, aspiring young writers are asked to submit their pieces in response to a theme. For 2021 the theme is Community in the Commonwealth. Deadline is 30 June. For more, 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.

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