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Colleagues

Can you believe we are into the fifth week of term? So much change already! Bon Jovi has written a 'lockdown' song recently *'When you can't do what you do, You do what you can'*. In the song lyrics, he writes, *'This ain't my prayer, it's just a thought'*.

In the Education team, we thank you for all you are doing; it may look different to March, but the children are at the heart of it and we thank God for your steadfastness, efforts and ongoing inspiration.

Enjoy! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vh6ctK70No0>

Father of all,
We delight in the glorious diversity of your creation,
We wonder at the exquisite range of beautiful people you have made.
Every tongue, tribe, nation and people.
We confess we have not done as much as we should
To welcome and include
To challenge injustice
To recognise people's pain and hurt
To do better.
Help us, we pray, to see as you see,
To chase down true diversity with our whole hearts,
And to love, honour, dignify and lift up our neighbours as ourselves.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Amen

Celebrating Diversity

'An authentic Christian vision for living well together is scandalously inclusive...' Called, Connected, Committed

In the Autumn Term, we are beginning a new focus series today looking at 'Celebrating Diversity'. This will be the focus of 4 of the mailouts this term, and we'll be learning from lots of different voices as we seek to move forward together in this space. This is part of the Foundation's wider diversity plan, which has launched a range of exciting and transformative opportunities this term, including focus on the recruitment to and delivery of our programmes and networks, curriculum development, an international network opportunity with leaders from USA, and many more. We are thrilled to welcome Allana Gay, co-founder of BAMEEd Network – www.bameednetwork.com - to work with us this year on various aspects of this, and I was delighted to sit down with Allana for this week's podcast to talk about the diversity and inclusion – well worth 20 minutes of your week to get thinking in this area.

"An authentic Christian vision for living well together is one that is scandalously inclusive: where all are welcomed, and where everyone gets to play a part. Leaders should not seek diversity and inclusion just because it is the correct thing to do, we

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should pursue it and chase it down because it is inherently better. Diverse teams do not simply tick boxes or fulfil targets. We think, lead, teach and learn better because of our diversity.”



Leaders in education cherish diversity and inclusion, recognising that their communities are inherently better and richer in their differences. They take every opportunity to celebrate learning together, and hold their doors open to people from all backgrounds and traditions. Leaders unlock opportunities for their children to flourish in a wide variety of disciplines, not simply those that are measured. They patiently nurture development and growth, knowing that character stands at the heart of educational achievement

To read the reflection in full visit:

<https://www.cefel.org.uk/diversity/>

Andy Wolfe - Deputy Chief Education Officer (Leadership Development)

Welcome to a new Leader

Recruitment and induction has looked rather different over these last few months – but we are delighted to welcome John Spencer, Acting Principal at Tadpole Farm CE Academy. Thank you for your leadership commitment and please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you along in your new role.

Ofsted

Please note that with effect from this week, schools can receive Quality Assurance checks from Ofsted. Please let us know if you have a call so that we can offer support.

Continuing Support for Collective Worship and Religious Education

Just as a reminder to you all - on a weekly basis an act of **collective worship** for you to offer either for those at home or for class will be available the links below. A new one will be added each week. We are deeply indebted to the Fromeside Churches and Jo and Malcolm Strange in particular for providing these.

The latest one is always on this webpage:

<https://www.bristol.anglican.org/covid19/coronavirus-covid19-resources-for-schools/>

The entire back catalogue is on our YouTube channel in a playlist:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLckkgW3reqfA1hsmRjbaagPkWjpy_KqIV

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Collective Worship Planning Autumn 1 2020

Hope, Courage and Endurance

Collective Worship is more than 'just a statutory requirement,' or 'another thing I have to do.' Worship has the potential to set the tone for your whole day and is a key driver for delivering messages of hope, courage and endurance in a challenging time. Click on the link below for some examples of 'Bubble Worship Planning' from the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

[Collective Worship Materials](#)



Exciting RE Resources for Schools

During lockdown some fabulous new sets of films and resources for the teaching of RE/PSHE/Citizenship in Primary Schools have been written by M&R Peacock
Co-creators of Tales From The Miracle Book

You can see a trailer on their website www.talesfromthemiraclebook.co.uk and view a sample on <https://talesfromthemiraclebook.co.uk/free-sample/> (this is filmed from a PSHE standpoint but in the resources we link to Jesus telling us to build our lives on Him). Sometimes RE is seen as a subject that is separate from teaching about PSHE/Citizenship/Literacy etc but they wanted to create cross-curricula resources to show how faith can be a part of everyday life.

Growing Inter Faith – understanding and Co-operation

Inter Faith Week 2020 will take place from 8 – 15 November 2020

Inter Faith week's aims are to:

1. Strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels
2. Increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, in particular celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society
3. Increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs

For more information click on the link below

<https://www.interfaithweek.org/>

Remembrance 2020

Teaching Remembrance is key to understanding how modern diverse Britain was created and the shared heritage of service and sacrifice across all the UK's communities. Through the teaching materials in the link below, everyone can access and learn about the heritage and tradition of Remembrance.

[Teaching Remembrance | Learning Resources | Royal British Legion](#)

The Giving Manger – A Christmas Tradition

This is a fun and interactive Christmas tradition that will help families focus on giving and the true meaning of Christmas.

Click on the link below for more information.

[The Giving Manger resources](#)

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Christmas 2020 Riding Lights – The Selfish Giant

Riding Lights has a long history of making wonderful Christmas shows for primary schools to enjoy together.

“We can’t tour this year but we couldn’t let Christmas go by without something a bit special for children across the UK to enjoy!”

So for Christmas 2020, Riding Lights are producing *The Selfish Giant* on film for primary schools. The film is delivered in three 15 minute episodes with accompanying creative resources for primary schools to use in the lead up to Christmas. Crucially, it can be used by schools to bring everyone together whether children are in school or isolating at home.

More information can be found here: <https://ridinglights.org/the-selfish-giant/>

Don’t forget we’re here to support you so let us know if you want to chat any ideas through. We are here with you and for you.

Liz and the Education Team

**The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble
comes. God is close to those who trust in him.**

Nahum 1.7

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