Schools' Spring Newsletter 2017

From the Director of Education

DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION



Welcome to this newsletter extra – such a lot going on. We wanted to take the opportunity to highlight a number of things.

New Chair of the Board of Education.

Bishop James has appointed Revd Andrew Towner as the new Chair of the Board of Education. Andrew has been in the diocese since 2014 and is the Vicar of St John's Houghton with St Peter's Kingmoor in north Carlisle. Prior to ordination Andrew taught maths at schools in Kent and Essex before attending Oak Hill Theological College and serving his curacy at a church plant in Christ Church in Mayfair, central London. He was later Associate Vicar at Christ Church in Beckenham in Kent before moving to Cumbria.

Andrew said: "I am honoured and excited to accept Bishop James' appointment to chair the Diocesan Board of Education. This is a thrilling time of real opportunity across Cumbria, with our commitment together to reach out to those around us with the love of God in Jesus Christ. Schools are at the very centre of many communities, and can therefore be significant hubs within our commitment to enabling everyone in this county to learn more of God and his purpose for their lives."

We have updated the <u>Partnership Agreement</u>. You will see a similar format to previous years and would encourage schools to consider the package of support available or the opportunity to use our team to support you in a range of activities and training. Why not club together in a cluster?

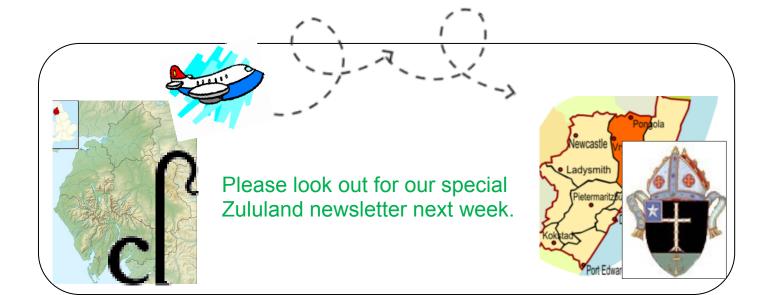
You will now be able to consider the agreement in the light of the following exciting events.

A last call for the <u>Senior Leaders Spirituality Day</u> – Wednesday 15th March at Rydal Hall. There are places still available – it is an event that has been very supportive for school leaders to be able to reflect on their approaches to Christian leadership.

Our May Schools' Conference, <u>The Art of Leading and Learning</u> includes a number of practical workshops which has proved a very popular format in the past.

It's not too early to book for our <u>September conference</u>. A first, as Bishop Robert leads communion and a chance to find out more about the impact of the new Church of England Vision on the way we work together as well as an opportunity to find out what the diocesan 'God for All ' strategy is all about and its impact on schools.

Michael Will.



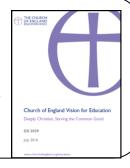


Lorton School joins The Good Shepherd Multi Academy Trust

The latest school to join the Good Shepherd Multi Academy Trust is Lorton School near Cockermouth. The first non-church school to join.

The Church of England Vision for Education - Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good

The Vision document can be downloaded here https://www.churchofengland.org/media/2532839/ce-education-vision-web-final.pdf





The Big Story - 16th June 2017, Wigan

A special conference for school leaders and clergy to explore the 'Big Story' that underpins work in church schools. For further details and to book a place click here.



Prime ministerial Visit to Captain Shaw's CE School



Captain Shaw's CE School in Bootle had a very important visitor on 15th February when the Prime Minister, Theresa May dropped in. Pupils were able to show her an award-winning robot made for a Lego competition.

We have resisted the temptation to hold a caption competition.

Children's Spirituality and Fresh Expressions

For the past 5 years we have been setting up and supporting Christian clubs in primary schools with great success. We have seen many children and adults alike discover something of the possibility of God and this has been very exciting to be a part of.

If we were to measure spiritual interest by church attendance, we could assume that children are not interested, but I would argue this is not the case.

If you are involved in a Christian club in a school, church or in another setting, please join us for an evening to explore 'what is child spirituality?' to 'unpack the importance of nurturing child spirituality', and 'what a faith community among children' may look like.

It will be a fun, interactive and creative session led by Richard Passmore - Fresh Expression Enabler and Emma Richardson - Youth, Children and Families Evangelism Enabler. I hope to see you there! Don't forget to BOOK your places- follow the link :- https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BQZ



Dates for your Diary

<u>Senior Leaders Spirituality Day</u> led by Canon Michael Manley - Wednesday 15th March 2017 at Rydal Hall

<u>Diocesan Schools Spring Conference</u> - Thursday 18th May 2017, at Newton Rigg

<u>Diocesan Schools Autumn Conference</u> - Thursday 28th September 2017 at Newton Rigg

Remember that the conferences are open to all, not just heads and clergy.

Date	Course	Venue	Time
09/03/17	Module 4 - RE & Collective Worship	Eaglesfield Paddle CE Pri- mary Academy	6.30—8.30pm
04/04/17	Module 1 - Church Schools - an intro- duction to the basics and church/school links	Church House, Penrith	6.30—8.30pm
26/04/17	Module 2 – Preparing for Diocesan Inspection (SIAMS)	Eaglesfield Paddle CE Pri- mary Academy	6.30—8.30pm
10/05/17	Module 3 - Distinctive Christian Character	Leven Valley CE School	6.30pm-8.30pm
24/05/17	Module 4 - RE & Collective Worship	Church House, Penrith	6.30—8.30pm

Feedback from Spring Term training

'Very Useful. Much food for thought.' - Preparing for Diocesan Inspection 02/02/17 'Informative, personal and engaging.' - Distinctive Christian Character 15/02/17



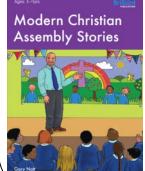
RESOURCES



"Aimed at primary aged children and their families, this 24 page full colour prayer journal gives the opportunity for families to creatively explore the Lord's prayer and the season of Pentecost together. Each double page gives plenty of space for thoughts, discussion and response, alongside an engaging activity. Ideal for any families connected to your school club, messy church or 0-11's church ministry. Would make an ideal Easter gift!

Limited HALF PRICE offer until Easter available for pre-order via sarah.hulme@carlislediocese.org.uk. This material is produced by Sam Hargreaves www.engageworship.org who recently attended our Schools Conference in September. Can be collected at Church house or at the Spring Schools Conference.

Modern Christian Assembly Stories by Gary Nott



The 50 stories in this contemporary collection of school stories all have a Christian theme making them ideal for schools wishing to ensure that their collective worship is, in the main, Christian. Sunday school teachers will also find them invaluable.

Teacher notes make it easy to make the most of each story, providing information on the background, story and theme, as well as a brief summary of what Christians believe and a short prayer related to the story. For more information and to order click here.

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