

From the Diocesan Education Office for School Leaders, including those involved in Governance, Clergy and Clerks

January 2019 Newsletter – Spring Term 1

Dear Colleagues

Welcome back to term. Many thanks for your warm wishes and festive greeting cards. We all hope that you had a relaxing and refreshing Christmas holiday and will enjoy a successful and prosperous 2019. A big thank you to every school that has now signed up to our academic year SLA. The majority of church schools have now committed to working in partnership with us and through this engagement we are able to offer you more tailored and bespoke support that you have requested.

Our closer working relationship with the Cathedral will become more evident as we progress through the year and we are jointly looking forward, for example, to celebrating with our Y6 pupils during June when we will support the Cathedral Education Office in introducing ‘Pilgrim days’.

Our family of church schools is thriving and I would like to say thank you for the part that you play every day that supports and sustains this over time.

God bless.

John Searson

<p>School Admissions</p> <p>All own admission authorities (academies and VA schools) must determine their admission arrangements for 2020/21 at a full governance meeting by 28th February and publish their admission arrangements on the school (and trust) websites by 15th March. In addition, a copy of the determined arrangements must be sent to the Diocese and the Local Authority by 15th March.</p>	
<p>SIAMS framework and SEF</p> <p>A reminder to colleagues that the new SIAMS framework came into force in September last year. Schools should start to move their self-evaluation to the new SEF. To access the form, please click on the link opposite and select ‘Self-Evaluation Form’ from the list of documents.</p>	<p>https://www.churchofengland.org/more/education-and-schools/church-schools-and-academies/siams-school-inspections</p> 
<p>SIAMS Hubs – for those involved in Governance / school staff</p> <p>Spring term focus: Courageous Advocacy. Summer term focus: Curriculum design to implement vision, wisdom and dignity</p> <p>If you haven’t yet attended one of these locally held events, you won’t yet realise how beneficial the information and sharing of good practices is. Do come along and join us. For dates (previously advertised) see opposite / follow the link. Hubs run from 4pm – 6pm.</p>	<p>https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/resources</p> <p>9th January at St Cuthbert Mayne School, Torbay 15th Jan at All Saints Thurlestone, South Devon 23rd Jan at Holsworthy Primary School, North Devon 24th Jan at Ilfracombe Academy, North Devon 4th Feb at Zealley House Torbay 6th Feb at St Luke’s School, Exeter 14th March at Plympton St Mary’s Infants, Plymouth 21st March at Ashleigh Primary School, Barnstaple</p>
<p>Contact Details for Clerks, Chairs and Heads</p> <p>It is increasingly important that we have up to date contact emails for Heads, Chairs and Clerks. Most Clerks have responded to the requests we have sent but some are still outstanding. If you are uncertain about privacy or have concerns about GDPR you can send these details securely via Egress to the email addresses shown opposite. We ask that this information is provided annually to us and changes notified as soon as possible throughout the year.</p>	 <p>Education@exeter.anglican.org</p> <p>Sarah.owen@exeter.anglican.org</p>

<p>Curriculum Conference – Wednesday 27th March 2019</p> <p>This is for school leaders, including those involved in Governance and for school staff. The conference will be opened by the Bishop of Crediton; the key note speaker is Ofsted’s Regional Director, Bradley Simmons HMI who will share information about Ofsted’s research findings and the implications for the new Inspection framework; and further speakers from Devon academies and maintained schools. If you would like to be invoiced early (to aid with end of year procedures) please let us know asap, and this can be arranged.</p>	<p>Follow https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/resources/ for the curriculum conference flier and conference booking form</p> 
<p>CPD and training programme, spring term 2019</p> <p>Please follow the link opposite for the latest training overview (CPD prospectus Sept 2018 to July 2019). This includes dates for locally held leadership briefings (open to senior leaders, including those involved in Governance), SIAMS training, safeguarding courses, RE subject knowledge courses and Governor induction. Remember some of the training events are free as part of our core service and others are discounted if you subscribe to our Service Level Agreement.</p>	<p>https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/resources/ for the full prospectus</p> <p>Senior Leadership Briefings 4-5.30pm Tues 22 Jan: St. Matthews CE Primary (<i>Bishop Nick will be in attendance to meet leaders</i>). Tues 29th Jan: Trinity CE Primary Tues 12th Feb: Swimbridge Jubilee Hall Tues 26 Feb 2019 Zealley House</p>
<p>CAP UK supports Primary Schools with safeguarding</p> <p>Delivering separate training for parents, staff and children, CAP teach the whole community to prevent abuse. The class sessions use role play to apply practical skills to keeping safe; teaching children to understand consent, ownership of their bodies and how to recognise an unsafe situation - empowering children to be SAFE, STRONG and FREE.</p>	  <p>https://safestrongfree.org.uk/schools/ Or contact info@safestrongfree.org.uk or 01803 866559</p>
<p>Pilgrim Days at Exeter Cathedral 2019</p> <p>Exeter Cathedral will be running ‘Pilgrim Days’, for Year 6 pupils on the 24th, 25th & 26th June 2019. This will be an opportunity for the children to celebrate their school experience so far and to look forward with hope as they move on to the next phase in their education.</p>	 <p>EXETER CATHEDRAL</p> <p>www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/pilgrim-days</p>
<p>Service Level Agreement (SLA) - this year and next</p> <p>To help with your budgetting for 2019-2020 the costs of the SLA can be found on our website. They remain similar to this year. This year we have made costs of the service more equitable and asked that you are pro-active in telling us what support you require. Thanks to all who have done this. If you haven’t returned your support planner, please do, so that we can meet <u>your</u> requirements.</p>	<p>Proposed 2019-2020 charges and the 2018-2019 Support Planner can be found at https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/school-academy-services/</p> 
<p>Annual Literacy Survey – National Literacy Trust</p> <p>These annual surveys of pupils aged 5 – 8 and 9 – 18 years cover reading and writing, and takes place in January and February. Participating schools get their own individual school report that outlines their school’s basic findings, which can then be compared nationally (once the national reports are published). You could use your report to inform literacy strategy, give as supporting evidence to OFSTED or to review your current provision.</p>	 <p>https://literacytrust.org.uk/contact-us/annual-literacy-survey/</p>
<p>Newsletters</p> <p>Our department sends out several newsletters in addition to this from the educational team as a whole. Throughout the term your school should also receive newsletters based on governance, religious education and vulnerable pupils work.</p>	