

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

## March 2019 Newsletter – Spring Term 2



Dear Colleagues

I have enjoyed meeting many of you at our Leadership Briefings and when I can find the time to get into your schools for a visit. I welcome the softer rhetoric from the DfE currently that recognises more readily the wonderful work schools are doing, particularly in the face of growing budgetary pressures. 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. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of spirit and love that is shown to schools that require additional support to tackle challenging circumstances.

Can I particularly draw you attention to our curriculum conference ‘Learning in all its Fullness’: Curriculum Design to Enable Flourishing – Wednesday 27th March 2019? This promises to be a significant event that should show that our new SIAMS framework has pre-empted Ofsted’s focus on the importance of vision and purpose in education. With ‘vision, provision and impact’ (SIAMS) relating closely to Ofsted’s ‘intent, implementation and impact’. Do try to be represented if you can.

God bless.

*John Searson*

<p><b>School Admissions</b></p> <p>A reminder that all own admission authorities (academies and VA schools) must publish their determined admission arrangements on the school (and trust) websites by 15<sup>th</sup> March. In addition, a copy of the determined arrangements must be sent to the Diocese and the Local Authority by 15<sup>th</sup> March.</p>	
<p><b>School Anniversaries</b></p> <p>If your Church of England school is celebrating a significant anniversary, you can order a certificate to commemorate the occasion. Orders should be submitted at least 2 months in advance.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/more/education-and-schools/church-schools-and-academies">https://www.churchofengland.org/more/education-and-schools/church-schools-and-academies</a></p>
<p><b>SIAMS Hubs</b> (free for school staff and those involved in Governance) <b>Spring term focus: Courageous Advocacy. Summer term focus: Curriculum design to implement vision, wisdom and dignity</b></p> <p>A great chance to network and hear what other schools are doing, with facilitation from a diocesan adviser. If you have not yet attended one of these locally held events, do come along. For dates, see opposite/follow the link opposite. Hubs run from 4pm – 6pm.</p>	<p><a href="https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/resources/">https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/resources/</a></p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> March at Plympton St Mary’s Infants, Plymouth 21<sup>st</sup> March at Ashleigh Primary School, Barnstaple 24<sup>th</sup> April at Ilfracombe Academy, North Devon 25<sup>th</sup> April at St Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay 29<sup>th</sup> April at Plympton St Mary’s Infants, Plymouth 1<sup>st</sup> May at All Saints Thurlestone, South Devon 8<sup>th</sup> May at St Luke’s School, Exeter 20<sup>th</sup> May at Ashleigh Primary School, Barnstaple 5<sup>th</sup> June at Holsworthy Primary School, N Devon</p>
<p><b>Ethos Enhancing Outcomes Governor Days - Exploring Governance Leadership: 10am – 3pm (coffee 9.30am) on Thursday 9th May 19, at Broomhill Arts Hotel, or Friday 17th May Exeter at Racecourse</b></p> <p>The day will enable all governors in both maintained schools and academies to work through how the school’s vision for education can be brought to life in the everyday interaction of a school.</p>	<p>For further information please email - <a href="mailto:educationevents@exeter.anglican.org">educationevents@exeter.anglican.org</a></p> <p>Or visit <a href="https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/resources/">https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/resources/</a></p>
<p><b>DfE English Hubs – Funded support available to improve the teaching of early language and reading</b></p> <p>Ilsham school and the Learning Academy Partnership has been tasked with helping teachers to develop early reading in over 170 schools and to build a network on excellent phonics teaching. Your school may be able to benefit from funded support.</p>	<p>For details and to express your interest visit:</p> <p><a href="http://www.lapsw.co.uk/englishhubsshowcases/">www.lapsw.co.uk/englishhubsshowcases/</a></p> 

<p><b>‘Learning in all its Fullness’: Curriculum Design to Enable Flourishing – Wednesday 27th March 2019</b></p> <p>A packed day with speakers and presentations from primary and secondary schools on character education, inclusion to help the most vulnerable experience success, courageous advocacy, vision and ethos. Input from Ofsted about their latest research on the curriculum and the draft Inspection Framework.</p>	<p>Follow <a href="https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/resources/">https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/resources/</a> for the curriculum conference programme and conference booking form</p> 
<p><b>From the Church of England Education Office School Bulletin</b></p> <p><b>'Framework for Ethical Leadership in Education'</b>, supported by the NGA has been launched. Use the link to find out more.</p> <p><b>'The Diana Award'</b> is offering Anti-Bullying Ambassador training to schools completely free of charge this year. To find out more and register, fill in your details following the link.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.nga.org.uk/About-Us/ethical-leadership.aspx">https://www.nga.org.uk/About-Us/ethical-leadership.aspx</a></p> <p><a href="https://the-diana-award.typeform.com/to/oJMKT2">https://the-diana-award.typeform.com/to/oJMKT2</a></p> 
<p><b>Free Open Access Resources for Early Years/Primary Schools</b></p> <p>Two sets of curriculum resources are available for free use in Early Years/Primary school settings. The two series of books, <i>Exploring Why</i> and <i>Exploring our World</i>, bring contact with young children from a variety of faith backgrounds into the experience of young learners in the classroom. Further details of these resources can be found on the Warwick University website.</p>	<p>The curriculum materials can be directly accessed at: <a href="http://www.warwick.ac.uk/aledandsian">www.warwick.ac.uk/aledandsian</a></p> <p>Further information on the wider research and the project team can be accessed at: <a href="http://www.warwick.ac.uk/forschools">www.warwick.ac.uk/forschools</a></p>
<p><b>Accelerate</b></p> <p>Have you heard of this professional development programme designed for teachers in the first 5 years of their career? It is free for teachers from eligible schools. To check your eligibility, follow the link opposite.</p>	<p><a href="https://accelerate-teaching.co.uk/">https://accelerate-teaching.co.uk/</a></p> 
<p><b>Pilgrim Days at Exeter Cathedral 2019</b></p> <p>Exeter Cathedral will be running 'Pilgrim Days', for Year 6 pupils on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup> 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><b>EXETER CATHEDRAL</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/pilgrim-days">www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/pilgrim-days</a></p>
<p><b>Service Level Agreement (SLA) - this year and next</b></p> <p>To help with your budgeting for September 2019-2020 the costs of the SLA can be found on our website. Costs remain the same. This year we have made costs of the service more equitable and ask that you are pro-active in telling us what support you require. Thanks to all who have done this. If you haven't yet booked to use your allocated entitlement, please do so sooner rather than later - thank you.</p>	<p>For the SLA subscription Agreement and costs follow:</p>  <p><a href="https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/school-academy-services/">https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/school-academy-services/</a></p>
<p><b>The Real Easter Egg – Fairtrade and plastic free!</b></p> <p>The 2019 Milk Chocolate Real Easter Egg is completely plastic free, and includes a large 24 page Easter story-activity book and a super thick milk chocolate egg (150g). Available to order by schools or individuals.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.traidcraft.co.uk/the-real-easter-egg">http://www.traidcraft.co.uk/the-real-easter-egg</a></p>
<p><b>Other up and coming training events</b></p> <p>Premises Training for Academy Trusts - Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March - Old Deanery  SIAMS, The New Framework - Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March - Trinity CE Primary  Understanding Christianity - Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March - St Matthew's, Plymouth  Governor Induction - Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March - The Old Deanery, Exeter  Governor Induction - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March - Swimbridge</p>	<p>Details can be found in the Training and Continued Professional Development prospectus (CPD Prospectus) on the following webpage: <a href="https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/resources/">https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/resources/</a></p>