


**September 2019 Newsletter – Autumn Term 1**

Dear Colleague,

Welcome back to a new academic year – I trust that you managed to recharge and revitalise your passion for education and your energies to continue to transform lives? What an eventful summer we have had and are still having. At last, the financial crisis in schools has prompted urgent action from our new Prime Minister and his Secretary of State for Education. The proposed funding increases will potentially level, the playing field with those “historically underfunded receiving the greatest increase”. However with all the national uncertainties, especially this term, schools will continue to have a vital role to play in helping young people understand and appreciate the unique and challenging current political climate we are all experiencing.

Every blessing for a successful school year.

*John Searson*

<p>Find out more about the <b>National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) with the Church of England (CofEPQH) on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 4:00 PM</b></p>  <p>Join a webinar with the programme lead, Rob Robson, and past participants who will share an overview of what you can expect if you join the programme. The CofEPQH takes a distinctively Christian approach to covering the NPQH. The 2020/21 programme will start in February 2020 and end in April 2021. Applications close on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.</p> <p>Those working in Exeter Diocese schools/academies are <b>eligible to apply for funding from the DFE that should cover your full course fees</b></p>	<p>Register in advance for this meeting at <a href="https://zoom.us/meeting/register/5ef69cd67d69cbc7cde7dc3c8da9331e">https://zoom.us/meeting/register/5ef69cd67d69cbc7cde7dc3c8da9331e</a> After registering, individuals will receive a confirmation email containing joining information.</p> <p>Follow this link for further information <a href="https://www.cfel.org.uk/cofepqh/">https://www.cfel.org.uk/cofepqh/</a></p>
<p><b>School Leaders Induction Day for those new to the role or new to the Diocese on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 from 09:30 – 15:00</b></p> <p>This day will allow you to meet diocesan staff; network with other leaders and give you specific information relating to church school leadership. If you are a new school leader in the Diocese, we strongly encourage you to attend. Lunch is provided!</p>	<p>Please book by emailing <a href="mailto:educationevents@exeter.anglican.org">educationevents@exeter.anglican.org</a></p>
<p><b>Admissions Updates:</b> Please note that the Exeter Diocesan Board of Education is issuing new Admissions guidance (see attached). This is to ensure local children are not disadvantaged by faith-based over-subscription criteria. To make sure you are fully aware of any changes and the implications for your school/academy, please join Christina Mabin at an Admission Update meeting. Dates are shown opposite.</p>	<p>Updates: 4pm – 6pm at the following locations        18th September – The Old Deanery, Exeter        24th September – Bickleigh Down Primary Sch        26th September – Swimbridge Jubilee Centre</p> <p>Please book with Fran Bradley by emailing <a href="mailto:educationevents@exeter.anglican.org">educationevents@exeter.anglican.org</a></p>
<p><b>Add to your school library:</b> Speaking Volumes offers grants for libraries, schools, prisons, care homes and churches for the purchase of Christian books from a local Christian bookshop. Bridge Books, in Exeter, often support this.</p>	<p>You can review the books available and apply for a grant at <a href="http://www.speakingvolumes.org.uk">www.speakingvolumes.org.uk</a></p>
<p><b>New Parent View Questions:</b> From September 2019, Ofsted Parent View survey has been updated so that it links more closely to Ofsted’s new education inspection framework.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ofsted-parent-view-toolkit-for-schools#changes-to-ofsted-parent-view">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ofsted-parent-view-toolkit-for-schools#changes-to-ofsted-parent-view</a></p>

<p><b>Governance Information:</b> Thank you to all Clerks who have returned their forms letting us know who is serving as a Governor/Director in their school/academy. To ensure we can maintain up-to-date records, we are asking clerks to let us know of any changes. Your/their support will be appreciated.</p>	<p>Contact Angela Parker  <a href="mailto:education@exeter.anglican.org">education@exeter.anglican.org</a></p>																				
<p><b>DBS checks For Diocese of Exeter staff who work within schools</b>  Diocese of Exeter staff who work in schools have an Enhanced DBS check which is renewed every five years, as per national guidelines for Safer Recruitment in the Church of England. These personnel are: John Searson – Diocesan Director of Education; Sue Lockwood – Diocesan Deputy Director of Education; Christina Mabin, Edward Pawson and Tatiana Wilson - Diocesan Schools Advisers; Fran Bradley and Sarah Owens - Diocesan Officers; Angela Parker – Administrator; Graham Davies – Diocesan Director of Property; Jason Down and Richard Power - Diocesan Surveyor.</p>	<p>Attached with this email is a letter for your retention alongside your SCR.</p> <p>Alternatively, email the education office at <a href="mailto:education@exeter.anglican.org">education@exeter.anglican.org</a> for a copy.</p>																				
<p><b>Trust Capacity Fund:</b> The Trust Capacity Fund (TCaF) will award up to £17 million to support trust growth and development across England. Applications will open in September 2019 and close in December 2019. Awards will be made in conjunction with growth approved by Regional Schools Commissioners (RSCs). Application forms will be published in August with guidance materials</p>	<p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-your-eligibility-for-the-trust-capacity-fund">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-your-eligibility-for-the-trust-capacity-fund</a></p>																				
<p><b>Brexit Guidance and Data Protection Guidance for Schools and Trusts:</b>  Over the summer, the Government have updated Brexit and Data Protection Guidance for schools.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-exit-no-deal-preparations-for-schools-in-england/eu-exit-no-deal-preparations-for-schools-in-england">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-exit-no-deal-preparations-for-schools-in-england/eu-exit-no-deal-preparations-for-schools-in-england</a>  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-exit-guide-data-protection-for-education-providers">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-exit-guide-data-protection-for-education-providers</a></p>																				
<p><b>Subscription to our Service Level Agreement.</b> This entitles you, amongst other things, the time to use as you feel is most suitable for your school – we can provide bespoke in-school training for staff and/or governors. If subscribing, please complete a planner to indicate your requirements and indicate date preferences. Many thanks.</p>	<p>View our core and subscription services  <a href="https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019-2020-SLA-SEPT-v.2.pdf">https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019-2020-SLA-SEPT-v.2.pdf</a>  School Support Planner 2019-20  <a href="https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/school-academy-services/">https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/school-academy-services/</a></p>																				
<p><b>Training and CPD Autumn 2019, and a look ahead:</b> Please note that the training prospectus for Autumn 2019 is available. It includes training for school leaders, including those involved in governance, and for all school staff. SIAMS Hub and Leadership briefing dates opposite.</p> <p><b>School Leaders Residential Conference: 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b>  Speakers include Andy Wolfe, Deputy Chief Education Officer (Leadership Development) for the Church of England; and Dr Tanya Ovenden-Hope, Professor of Education and strategic lead at Marjon.</p> <p>A ‘<b>Day of refreshment and thanks-giving</b>’ for 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020. This is primarily for those who work hard in and for our schools. Each school will be able to select those they wish to come along.</p>	<p>Training and CPD Prospectus 2019/2020  <a href="https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/CPD-Prospectus-Autumn-Term-2019-v4.pdf">https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/CPD-Prospectus-Autumn-Term-2019-v4.pdf</a></p> <p>SIAMS Hubs: Autumn focus - Vision &amp; Dignity</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>30 Sept</td><td>Plympton St Mary’s Infants, Plymouth</td></tr> <tr><td>01 Oct</td><td>St Johns, Totnes</td></tr> <tr><td>02 Oct</td><td>St Luke’s Science and Sports College, Exeter</td></tr> <tr><td>03 Oct</td><td>Ashleigh Primary School, Barnstaple</td></tr> <tr><td>07 Oct</td><td>All Saints Thurlestone (annual event)</td></tr> <tr><td>08 Oct</td><td>Holsworthy Primary School (annual event)</td></tr> </table> <p>Senior Leadership: Tuesdays, 4pm – 5:30pm</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>1<sup>st</sup> Oct</td><td>St Matthew’s CE Primary, Plymouth</td></tr> <tr><td>8<sup>th</sup> Oct</td><td>Trinity CE Primary School, Exeter</td></tr> <tr><td>15<sup>th</sup> Oct</td><td>Jubilee Hall, Swimbridge</td></tr> <tr><td>29<sup>th</sup> Oct</td><td>St Paul’s, Devon Square, NA, TQ12 2HN</td></tr> </table>	30 Sept	Plympton St Mary’s Infants, Plymouth	01 Oct	St Johns, Totnes	02 Oct	St Luke’s Science and Sports College, Exeter	03 Oct	Ashleigh Primary School, Barnstaple	07 Oct	All Saints Thurlestone (annual event)	08 Oct	Holsworthy Primary School (annual event)	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	St Matthew’s CE Primary, Plymouth	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Trinity CE Primary School, Exeter	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Jubilee Hall, Swimbridge	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Paul’s, Devon Square, NA, TQ12 2HN
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<p><b>Resource Schools:</b> Could your school support the training of C of E Clergy working with children and young people and their families? If you think you could help, or wish to find out more, please see the attached or email Fran Bradley for more information. We are holding a development day on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.</p>	<p><a href="https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/19.08.29-LET-to-all-Schools-and-MATs.pdf">https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/19.08.29-LET-to-all-Schools-and-MATs.pdf</a></p> <p>Email Fran Bradley for information or to book on the development day (4<sup>th</sup> October)  <a href="mailto:educationevents@exeter.anglican.org">educationevents@exeter.anglican.org</a></p>																				