


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

November 2019 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2

Dear Colleague,

Due to some current email difficulties (that are being resolved) we are taking advantage of a traditional snail mail solution to ensure our efforts, on your behalf, reach your desk before the Christmas celebrations are in full swing. Inside this mailing, you will find the diocesan Christmas calendar, our CPD programme for this academic year and various flyers promoting positive opportunities to work collaboratively with the team and other church schools. We all appreciate the excellent work that you are doing to give all children the very best start in life. Despite the increasing levels of accountability in the education system, it continues to be a real privilege to serve our children and their families. I am sure your Christmas preparations are well advanced and thank you for making this such a special time of year for your pupils. The unique national political backdrop we are all experiencing provides a further spur to us all to ensure that our vision and Christian values help to moderate much of the increasingly polarised national debate. We wish you all a very peaceful holiday season and a successful 2020. God bless, *John Searson*

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| <p>Working together with the DfE to promote teaching vacancies: A free job search and listings service to make it easy to find and fill teaching roles in schools across England.</p> |  https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/ |
| <p>Best practice in the teaching of early reading and language: Free showcases for 2019-20, from the Ilsham English hub</p> | https://www.lapsw.co.uk/ilsham-english-hub/showcase1920/ |
| <p>Governance Information: 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 education@exeter.anglican.org</p> |
| <p>Hubs, training and CPD 2020: The training prospectus for Spring and Summer 2020 is now available. It includes CPD and briefing opportunities for all school staff and those involved in governance.</p> | <p>Training and CPD Prospectus 2019/2020 https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/CPD-Prospectus-Spring-Summer-2020-v1.pdf</p> |
| <p>Rural Schools Peer to Peer network, facilitated by CEFEL: Launching in January 2020, a two year funded opportunity to ‘join together to learn, share and network,’ with a focus on Character Education and Curriculum. Meetings will take place 4 -5 a year and be located at different schools around Devon. Our first meeting is on 23rd January 2020 at Landscope CE Primary from 1:15pm – 4:15pm, with the second meeting place hoped to be a school in North Devon. Any volunteers?</p> | <p>For more information or to confirm your place, email education@exeter.anglican.org https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/rural-schools-peer-to-peer-network-2/</p>  |
| <p>School Leaders Conference - Roots and Wings: Flourishing for all. Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March 2020 at St Mellion Resort. For this two day event we have secured a range of national and local speakers including: Andy Wolfe, Deputy Chief Education Officer for the Church of England, Professor Tanya Ovenden-Hope, Professor of Education for the University of St Mark and St John, Professor Lee Elliot Major OBE, Professor of Social Mobility at University of Exeter, Katie Harrison, Teacher, RE Specialist and founder of Picture News and Chris Whittington, Retreat leader, teacher of meditation, Partner & Head of Education Law at Anthony Collins Solicitors. Please come along and join, as part of our family of schools, together at our 2020 conference.</p> | <p>For the full programme visit: https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Diocesan-Leaders-Conference-2020-Programme-final-1.pdf For more information about the speakers: https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Diocesan-Leaders-Conference-speakers-Final-1.pdf To book your place visit Eventbrite at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/school-leaders-conference-roots-wings-flourishing-for-all-registration-79686950815</p>  |

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| <p>Trust Capacity Fund: 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).</p> | <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-your-eligibility-for-the-trust-capacity-fund</p> |
| <p>Service Level Agreement subscription: Thanks to all of you who subscribe to support our work and benefit from bespoke training for your setting; discounted training and CPD; reduced pay as you go rates and additional governance training. If you haven't yet subscribed, please consider doing so. More details are found on our website.</p> | <p>View our core and subscription services https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019-2020-SLA-SEPT-v.2.pdf School Support Planner 2019-20 https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/school-academy-services/</p> |
| <p>A 'Day of refreshment and thanks-giving' on 23rd June 2020 at Exeter Cathedral: We really appreciate how hard all those involved in schools work to give our children the best opportunities to grow and flourish. We are asking school leaders to identify a few people in their school community who go that extra mile to serve our communities with love and joy. This could be a volunteer who listens to readers or runs a club, a school crossing patrol officer or a catering assistant, a TA, a teacher or a governor. Think about who you would choose to represent your school, or to whom you would like to say an extra thank you, save the date and keep a look out for more details coming in the spring term!</p> |  |
| <p>#Followthestar: The Church of England have launched their 2019 #Followthestar campaign. Sign up and get a short bible verse, a simple prayer and an action on which to reflect delivered into your inbox. Exeter Diocesan Communications and Engagement Team is producing 24 short 'Follow the Star' films featuring people from around Devon sharing their faith story. These films will be released daily throughout Advent on our Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube pages.</p> | <p>https://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar</p>  <p>@CofEDevon https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV2YkZIQMKaNRd9sjzLmV7Q</p> |
| <p>Farmington Scholarship: Applications for 2020/21 Farmington Scholarships are now open. These scholarships are available to teachers of religious education and associated subjects in the UK. For further information and an application form please visit their website.</p> | <p>http://www.farmington.ac.uk/index.php/farmington-scholarships/</p> |
| <p>Do you know that, in Exeter Diocese we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 133 Church of England Schools? • 5 Church of England Secondary Schools? One is joint with the Roman Catholic diocese. • 15 Multi-Academy Trusts with Church Schools? • 20 Federations with church schools? • 39 Stand-alone schools? 6 that are in Management Partnerships. <p>Where schools continue to stand-alone, we encourage strong collaborations with others. We do not want any school to feel isolated. If you are interested in exploring collaborations or partnership options, please do get in touch. There are plenty of options should you wish.</p> |  |
| <p>Christmas Card Competition: Thanks for your entries. We are pleased to announce the winners as Cerys from Woodbury; Rihanna from St Andrew's, Plymouth; Robyn and Seth from Ilsington.</p> | <p><i>Merry Christmas</i> </p> |
| <p>Image Library: We would really appreciate you sharing (having gained the appropriate permissions) any good images that could be used in our publications / webpages. Many thanks for your help with this.</p> | <p>Please send all images to education@exeter.anglican.org</p> |
| <p>Email Problems: Many of our emails are disappearing into Junk boxes! Please check and adjust settings accordingly. Thank you! If you have any problems please do contact us.</p> | |

