

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



February 2020 Newsletter – Spring Term




Dear Colleagues,


Change has been the one constant in education for as long as I can remember. I joined the profession as the national curriculum was being shaped and I was the headteacher in one of the first primary schools to be inspected under Ofsted. Having worked for 35 years in education, and paying into AVCs for over 20 years, I have decided that it is time for me to retire. I will leave my role on 31st August 2020. Sue Lockwood will be Acting Diocesan Director of Education until the Board appoints the next substantive DDE. I know that you will want to join me in congratulating and thanking Sue for agreeing to serve as Acting DDE. Sue continues to make an enormous impact on our work. This will ensure continuity and as smooth a transition as we can manage.

God bless,

John Searson

<p>Be a Governor: We hope you will have seen/heard that we are running a recruitment campaign called ‘Be a Governor!’ Please support us in promoting this further by displaying the posters provided and by following the campaign on your social media. In addition do keep us up-to-date with any vacancies on your Board so that we can make introductions and help you with finding the Governor that fits your school’s needs. Thank you.</p>	<p>https://exeter.anglican.org/schools/be-a-governor/</p> <p>Please inform Angela Parker of any vacancies at education@exeter.anglican.org</p>
<p>Ash Wednesday, on the 26th February 2020, is the beginning of Lent: Have you thought what your school community might do differently, or take on this year during Lent? The Church of England's Lent campaign for 2020 is #LiveLent: Care for God's Creation. There is an app available for families to download which includes a daily challenge to honour and treasure the earth. On some days there are practical changes families can make to help the environment. On others there are challenges to find out more about creation, to explore the Bible, to reflect and to pray.</p>	<p>Download the app</p>  
<p>Service Level Agreement subscription: Thanks to all of you who subscribe. By doing so you can benefit from bespoke training for your setting; discounted training and CPD; reduced pay as you go rates and additional governance training. In addition, we do offer a free core service for you all and always try to support schools when they are most in need. Subscriptions helps with this and account for approximately 5% of our expenditure - the education teams work is heavily subsidised by the Exeter Diocese Board of Finance. Subscription rates and forms for the next Academic year are available by following the links opposite.</p>	<p>View our core and subscription services https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019-2020-SLA-SEPT-v.2.pdf</p> <p>School Support Planner 2020-22 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 soon!</p>	
<p>The Devon Development Education, based at the Global Centre in Exeter, provides a wide range of global learning opportunities for schools across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay. They aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help us to understand the big issues in the world • develop links with the 'global village' outside Devon • work together for a more just and sustainable world. <p>Make contact to find out more about the training they provide, to book a Cultural Champion to visit your school, to order your global learning resources or to discover the many opportunities they can offer your school to become involved in global education.</p>	<p>Telephone on 01392 438811, or email dde@globalcentredevon.org.uk</p> <p>Visit the website at www.globalcentredevon.org.uk</p>
<p>Rural Schools Peer to Peer network, facilitated by CEFEL: This is 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 next meeting is on 16th April January 2020 at Rackenford CE Primary from 1:15pm – 4:15pm.</p>	<p>For more information or to confirm your place, email education@exeter.anglican.org</p> <p>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</p> <p>For more information about the speakers: https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Diocesan-Leaders-Conference-speakers-Final-1.pdf</p> <p>To book your place visit Eventbrite at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/school-leaders-conference-roots-wings-flourishing-for-all-registration-79686950815</p> 
<p>ShareTheMiracle - A simple opportunity to 'put a dent in loneliness' through an intergenerational display of kindness: This Easter, ShareTheMiracle is inviting schools to find room for a 'ShareTheMiracle' collection station. Parents, students, teachers and friends of the school can all be invited to donate an Easter Egg. This can then be redistributed (via the school) to the elderly in your local area. Coupled with a visit to a local residential home, or Age Concern meeting, this could help 'put a dent in loneliness'.</p>	<p>Further information is available at: https://www.sharethemiracle.org/get-involved/schools/</p>
<p>Visit the Cathedral: The Bishop, The Diocese of Exeter and Exeter Cathedral would love for every child in our schools to experience a visit to the awe-inspiring Cathedral Building at least once during their primary age learning. There is so much on offer at the Cathedral for school visits, that the Cathedral's Education Department are offering a</p>	<p>Contact education@exeter-cathedral.org.uk</p> <p>Visit the website at www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/visit-us/schoolvisits/</p>

<p>guided tour or activity for the price of the current Cathedral entry at just £1.50 per pupil. Pupils gain so much more from their visit when a trained education guide is on hand to interpret the experience. If you do book with them before the end of September 2020, quote 'Diocese Advantage' in the email and they will offer you a free guided tour or activity during your visit - you pay entrance only. (Pilgrim Days Excluded)</p>	<p>See the school groups brochure at https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/School-Groups-Brochure-Aug2019.pdf</p>
<p>Faith Sensitive and Inclusive Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education (RSHE)</p> <p>From September 2020, all primary schools will be required to teach Relationships Education. They will also be required to teach Health Education. Secondary schools will be required to teach Relationships Education and Sex Education.</p> <p>Please follow the links opposite for a suggested policy template, resources and guidance to support your thinking and policy development.</p> <p>Training is being held at the Old Deanery on Friday 12th June 2020.</p>	<p>https://www.churchofengland.org/more/education-and-schools/church-schools-and-academies/relationships-sex-and-health-education</p>
<p>DBS checks For Diocese of Exeter staff who work within schools</p> <p>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; Richard Pitman 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 education@exeter.anglican.org for a copy.</p>
<p>Joy 2020 – ‘Grill a Bishop’</p> <p>Schools are invited to join Bishop Jackie, the Bishop of Crediton for a special live-streamed event. She will be at Broadclyst Primary School with schools from across the area able to skype in and join her. This is an opportunity for the pupils to ask her anything!</p>	<p>If you are interested in taking part please email Jenny Beesley: jenny.beesley@exeter.anglican.org</p> <p> Primary Schools Event.pdf</p>
<p>Home / School Values: With this newsletter, we are sending you a set of resources (purchased with the support of St Wilfrid’s Trust) to use within your schools and to make available for your families. They are designed to promote spiritual and moral development, and help facilitate discussions in households. They have been used successfully by some of our schools who send them home periodically with newsletters.</p>	<p>Contact education@exeter.anglican.org for this resource, if not attached.</p>