

RE Newsletter

Spring Term 2019



A very Happy New Year to you all and best wishes for a fruitful and fulfilling 2019!

I hope that our termly RE newsletter will help you keep abreast of developments in RE and enable you to feel part of the RE subject leader community across the Diocese. If you are new to RE subject leadership please do get in touch, so that we can add you to our contact list and keep you informed.

News

Church of England RE Statement of Entitlement

The Church of England Education Office is currently reviewing the Church of England RE Statement of Entitlement to ensure that it is in line with proposed national entitlement for RE as outlined in the Commission on RE report published in September and the new SIAMS schedule. The current CE Statement of Entitlement (2016) remains in effect until the new statement has been agreed. We will keep you informed and let you know when the new statement is published.

Update on 'Walk Through the Bible'



Walk through the Bible has recently been given Understanding Christianity accreditation for its OT and NT workshops which fit with the People of God and Kingdom of God Upper Key Stage 2 UC units. Do check out their website for further information. I am aware that following the presentation at our REPN meetings last year, several schools requested sessions and are still waiting to hear from Walk Through the Bible about these. Over the last few months they have been training many more leaders to meet the huge demand from schools, so I hope that they will be in touch with your school in the near future. However, they are still very keen to hear from any school or church who might have adults who would be interested in delivering sessions in schools. If you know of any people please do get in touch with them at bible.org.uk.

Understanding Christianity Training - Important Update!

As you will already know this is the last year that the Diocese is delivering Understanding Christianity Training. We are delighted that almost all our schools have already completed the training or are completing the training this year.

As a small number of schools did miss out on this final training offer we are running one last set of training this academic year at Church House:

Day 1 - Friday 8th March 2019, Diocesan Church House, Hove ,10.00 - 4.00

Day 2 - Friday 21st June 2019, Diocesan Church House, Hove, 10.00 - 4.00

Learning with meaning and purpose: to know God and shape the world

If you are located in East Sussex and find it difficult to get to Church House for training, we have a few places left on training that we are running as Inset for the Quercus Federation. Day 1 of this training is Tuesday 23rd April 2019 at Hurst Green CEP. Subsequent sessions will be held at Hurst Green CEP on the September (2019) and January (2020) inset dates (actual dates TBC confirmed by the school). If you are interested in attending this training please contact Yasmin Heasman, our training administrator at educationtraining@chichester.anglican.org as soon as possible.

Next academic year we will be offering a number of new training sessions which will build on the Understanding Christianity training.

REsource Bank – Important Update

As you will be aware from previous newsletters we now have a selection of our most popular REsource Boxes stored at Chichester Cathedral, Learning and Engagement Department in West Sussex and Peasmarsh CEP, East Sussex. Given that most of our schools have had substantial change in personnel over the last few years, I have been updating the information about the Resource Bank and am asking all schools to complete a new liability agreement. The new Resource Bank information sheet and important documents have been sent to all schools and RE subject leaders on our database along with this newsletter. If you have not seen the REsource Bank attachments please visit our website <https://schools.chichester.anglican.org> to download key documents and to look at the REsource Bank catalogue.

South East Regional RE Conference 23rd May 2019

RE:Quipped – Taking Good RE back to the Classroom

The south East Regional Dioceses are holding an RE conference on Thursday 23rd May 2019 at William Booth College, Denmark Hill, SE5 8BQ. Make sure you don't miss out on a place. We are delighted to offer this conference at a very competitive price - £55 per person with lunch included and there is an excellent train service - Denmark Hill Station is opposite the venue. The keynote speaker is Lat Blaylock, RE Today and there are 3 practical seminars, run by experienced advisers and professionals. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to network with colleagues from across the South East and return to school with lots of practical ideas to help deliver high quality RE in your school. A flyer is attached to this newsletter and all schools will have received an email with details about the conference.

Upcoming Events



Holocaust Memorial Day 2019 (hmd.org.uk)
27th January 2019

The date for Holocaust Memorial Day is 27th January and the theme for 2019 is "Torn from Home." There are useful activities for teaching about the Holocaust from Holocaust Memorial Day Trust.

'I want to go on living even after my death! And that's why I am so grateful to God for having given me this gift, which I can use to develop myself and to express all that's in me. When I write I can shake off all my cares; my sorrow disappears; my spirits are revived.' - Anne Frank, written in her diary, 5 April 1944

40 acts- Lent Challenge (40acts.org.uk)



40acts is the generosity challenge for Lent, created by the UK Christian charity, Stewardship. For seven years, 40acts has asked a question: what if Lent could be about more than just giving stuff up? What if it could be a time of radical generosity as well as spiritual discipline?

Wintershall Education www.wintershall-education.com

Wintershall Education offer a number of educational experiences for schools from their Assemblies to the Life of Christ performance in the summer term. They are also offering Lenten Workshops, providing the opportunity to dig deeper into the mystery of Easter. These are outdoor days for EYFS through to KS2 and include a number of reflections. They also deliver Stations of the Cross sessions which can be half day or whole day sessions. The Life of Christ performances are being held from 18 – 22 June 2019. For information about all that Wintershall Education offers please visit their website.

Learning and Engagement Department, Chichester Cathedral

The Learning and Engagement Department at Chichester Cathedral runs a number of sessions and experiences for schools, enabling pupils and staff to engage with the Cathedral and its significance in many different ways. For more information about opportunities to visit the Cathedral please visit their website on www.chichestercathedral.org.uk or email cynaradavies@chichestercathedral.org.uk or call on 01243 812997



Diocesan Training and Support

Training for the new SIAMS Schedule

The new SIAMS schedule came into effect this September. If you haven't yet seen the schedule it can be downloaded from the Church of England Education Office website along with a new toolkit. Many schools attended training last term, but if your school missed out the next training course is being held on Thursday 4th July 2019 at Church House Hove, 9.30 - 3.30.

Primary RE Network Meetings

All network meetings are free for all church schools in the Diocese. RE subject leaders are encouraged to invite colleagues to these meetings.

The meetings for the Spring and Summer Terms are as follows:

REPN Central:

Monday 28th January 2019 - St. Augustines CEP, Scaynes Hill 4.15 - 6.15

Focus: Assessment

Monday 1st July 2019 - Turners Hill CEP 4.15 - 6.15

Focus: Making Judgements about RE - Work Scrutiny

REPN Central North:

Monday 11th February 2019 - St Andrew's CEP, Furnace Green 4.30 - 6.30

Focus: Assessment

Monday 10th June 2019 Location TBC 4.30 - 6.30

Focus: Making Judgements about RE - Work Scrutiny

REPN West:

Tuesday 26th February 2019 - Nyewood CE Infant School, 4.00 - 6.00

Focus: Planning

Tuesday 11th June 2019 - The March CEP, 4.00 - 6.00

Focus: TBC

REPN East:

Thursday 28th February 2019 - Peasmarsh CEP 4.00 - 6.00

Focus: Assessment

Thursday 4th July 2019 - All Saints' CE Junior Academy 4.00 - 6.00

Focus: Making Judgements about RE - Work Scrutiny

Secondary RE

Our secondary RE network meetings are as follows:

Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 4.30 pm, Church House Hove

Don't Miss out on further RE Training Opportunities 2019

Developing the subject knowledge, expertise and confidence of our RE subject leaders and teachers remains a key priority for us. In addition to Understanding Christianity training, we are offering a number of courses this year which will focus on subject knowledge, curriculum planning, effective leadership and assessment -

so look out for the following courses in our training programme:

- RS Examination Support Group
- Being a Confident Teacher of Primary RE
- Building on Understanding Christianity - Next Steps
- Moving Forward with RE - The Essential Toolkit

Sharing RE Practice

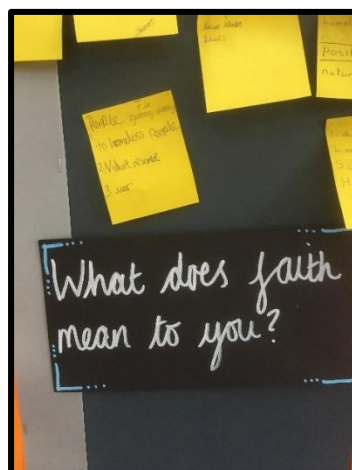
Spotlight on Newick CE Primary School



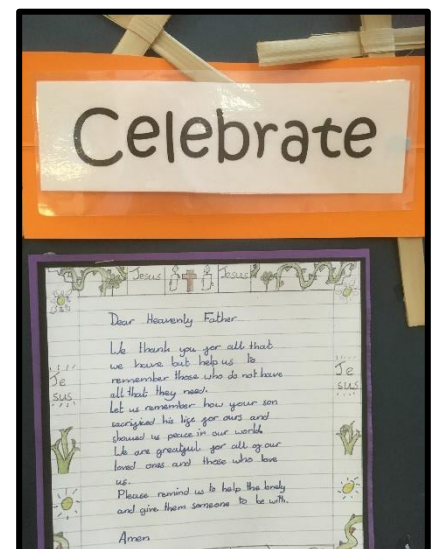
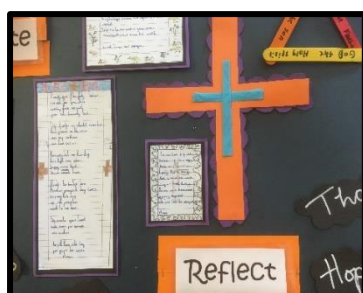
This term I wanted to share some RE work from Newick CE Primary School. At Newick each classroom creates an RE display where RE work and related Christian values are explored. The display may also incorporate work from other subject areas, which link to the RE topic or to the school's christian values where appropriate and they frequently include a 'big question'. I really like the Anticipate, Reflect and Celebrate headings which sit well with an enquiry approach to RE.



Pupils share thoughts, ideas and publish finished pieces of work



Pupils think about a big question



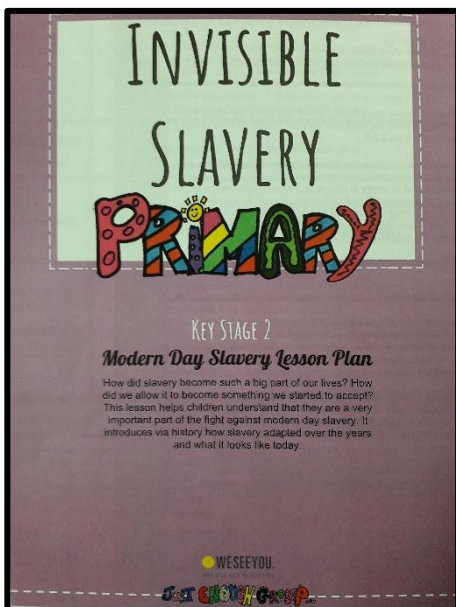
Pupils celebrate the meaning of Easter by writing a prayer

REquest – your help is needed!

I would like to share RE work and practice in every RE newsletter, so am sending out this plea for photos of your RE class work, displays, RE days, project, visits Please email two or three photos along with a short explanation to rosemary.black@chichester.anglican.org.

RE: Focus

The Clewer Initiative – Modern Day Slavery



In each newsletter I would also like to shine a spotlight on resources and materials which may be of interest. One theme that might surprise and interest you is the existence of modern day slavery within the UK and further afield. In March 2018 the National Crime Agency revealed that a quarter of the victims of modern slavery in the UK are under-18, but children and their teachers and parents are not aware of the danger. Meanwhile, across the world there are 40.3 million people trapped in modern slavery. It's going to take a huge movement to gain their freedom and young people can become the catalysts for change. Just Enough UK and The Clewer Initiative – two organisations working to help end modern slavery – have joined together to help equip young people for this challenge. They launched their initiative in October at Lambeth Palace and have produced a number of resources for schools, both primary and secondary, including

lesson plans and Collective Worship materials. Further information and resources can be accessed at www.theclewerinitiative.org. The lesson plans and Collective Worship materials can be found via the 'Resources' tab.

Useful RE Websites/Organisations

National Association of Teachers of RE (NATRE) (natre.org.uk)

Join Natre and receive the RE Today magazine, discount on conferences and training provided by RE Today, support and ideas for teaching and RE resources.



RE:ONLINE (reonline.org.uk)

REonline provides resources and information on learning, leading, knowing, assessing and supporting RE.



RE Quality Mark (regm.org)



The RE Quality Mark has been developed to celebrate high quality religious education, providing all schools at primary and secondary level with a framework to capture good practice. You can use the REQM audit tool to help develop high quality RE in your school. Do get in touch if you would like any support in applying for your quality mark award. Also let us know if you plan to go for the award, and of course, when you get it! **The Diocese reimburses schools £300 if they gain bronze, silver or gold. CHECK**

Free RE Resources

The Jerusalem Trust

The Jerusalem Trust makes available to schools a number of grants to support the purchase of resources for teaching Christianity in RE. These can include textbooks, teacher resources and artefacts for use in RE lessons. The fund is open to all primary and secondary schools; the maximum amount is £600.

Truetube (truetube.co.uk)



Truetube is a useful site that provides videos, lesson plans and assemblies for use in RE, PHSE & Citizenship.

SMSC Quality Mark (smscqualitymark.org.uk)

The SMSC Quality Mark has been launched to ensure that children and young people make a positive difference to the society in which they live – locally, nationally and globally – with the mission of “Empowering young people for a stronger society.”



Young Leaders Award (archbishopofyorkyouthtrust.co.uk)



The Archbishop of York has set up The Youth Trust with a programme of learning in school and action in the community for pupils to achieve the Young Leaders Award. Please contact me if you would like further information or support in taking part in the process.



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