

RE Newsletter

Summer Term 2019



LAST CHANCE - DON'T MISS OUT!



Thursday
23rd May
2019

Religious Education Conference for Primary teachers and leaders

Organised and run by South East Region Church of England Diocesan RE
Advisors

Keynote Speaker: Lat Blaylock

Lat Blaylock is an Advisor with RE Today and Editor of REtoday magazine. He provides professional development opportunities for several thousand primary and secondary teachers each year in a variety of contexts and has a national reputation for his practical and inspirational sessions.



If you have not yet booked a place on our regional conference, there is just time to do so via this link <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/events/requipped-conference>

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

The regional conference has been put together by the South East Dioceses and as a result grant funding is just £55 per delegate – including refreshments. The conference is being held at the Salvation Army training HQ in Denmark Hill on the outskirts of London. Denmark Hill station is right opposite the venue and takes around ten minutes from Victoria or Clapham Junction stations. In addition to the keynote sessions there is the opportunity to attend 3 seminar sessions. It should be a great day and an valuable opportunity to network with colleagues from across the south east- so don't miss out.

For further details visit: www.requipped-conference.co.uk

Updates

RE Statement of Entitlement

The Church of England Education Office produced a new RE Statement of Entitlement in February. This document is available to download from their website and from our schools' website. The new Statement is more structured and makes the expectations clearer, bringing it in line with the new SIAMS framework. Although the new Statement is not very different to the last there are a number of slight changes in wording and emphasis that you should familiarize yourself with. It is therefore important to download the statement and ensure that all members of the leadership team, including governors are familiar with it and that it is shared with all staff.

Emmanuel Project CD – UKS2 Islam Units

As many of you will already know, following information we received from the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, we sent details to all schools about an issue with the Emmanuel Project CD. However, it seems as though this information may not have reached some RE subject leaders! We were notified about a problem with one of the websites listed in one of the y 5/6 Islam unit. The website listed had been hacked. The advice given therefore, when using any of the links listed in any of the units of work, is to ensure that all school IT systems are kept up to date and protected and that teachers check out the links before using in class.

REsource Bank

I am delighted to hear that our REsource Bank boxes at the Cathedral are being well-used. If you missed out on my last newsletter which outlined important changes about booking boxes then please make sure you look at our website <https://schools.chichester.anglican.org> where you can download key documents and look at the REsource Bank catalogue.

Please note that when you borrow any box from the REsource Bank you need to check the contents on arrival and before returning the box to the administrator using the correct forms . Failure to do so will result in your school being invoiced for any damaged and missing items.

Events & Opportunities



Free to Play
Childhood Spirituality Conference
11th May 2019 10.30 – 4.00
Sheffield Cathedral

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 Self-Evaluation form. Our training courses for the remainder of this academic year are all fully booked, so if you have missed out please make sure you look in the 2019-2020 training brochure to book a place on courses being offered next year.

Primary RE Network Meetings – Summer Term Dates and Venues

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

The Summer Terms sessions are as follows:

REPN Central:

Monday 1st July 2019 - Turners Hill CEP 4.15 - 6.15
Focus: Making Judgements about RE - Work Scrutiny

REPN Central North:

Monday 10th June 2019 - St Andrews Furnace Green 4.30 - 6.30
Focus: Making Judgements about RE - Work Scrutiny

REPN West:

Tuesday 11th June 2019 - The March CEP, 4.00 - 6.00
Focus: : Making Judgements about RE - Work Scrutiny

REPN East:

Thursday 4th July 2019 - All Saints' CE Junior Academy 4.00 - 6.00
Focus: Making Judgements about RE - Work Scrutiny

Summer Term Training Opportunities

Moving Forward with RE – The Essential Toolkit

Monday 17th June 2019 – 1- 4pm

A half day workshop to support primary RE leaders plan, monitor, assess and evaluate RE.

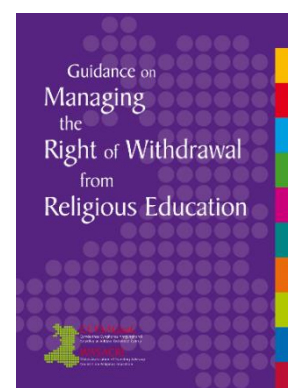
REquest – your help is needed!

Unfortunately I had no response to my request in the last newsletter, so am trying again!
I would like to share examples of 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 etc..... Please email two or three photos along with a short explanation to rosemary.black@chichester.anglican.org.

Resources

Guidance on Managing the Right of Withdrawal from Religious Education

This booklet provides detailed information about the Right of Withdrawal from RE. It includes an outline of the legal position, how to manage the process if a request is made and a number of case studies. The guidance is written by Gill Vaisey and can be purchased from Books At Press.





Assessment in RE

The guide, published by RE Today, provides an overview of assessment methods used around the country in both primary and secondary settings. It is interesting reading and highlights the range of approaches used. The guide can be purchased from RE Today.

There are a number of new Collective Worship resources which you might be interested in.



iSingPOP is Innervation Trust's primary school singing and recording project. iSingPOP give thousands of children the chance to learn an amazing set of specially written pop songs, record their very own album and perform a fantastic concert in the local church. The team behind iSingPOP have over 20 years of experience managing and producing music for bands and schools.

"We strongly endorse this initiative and encourage schools and parishes to engage positively with it." **Canon Maurice Smith CB, Director of Education, Manchester Diocese.**

Roots and Fruits 2

A Collective Worship resource published by Imaginor which is rooted in the life of Jesus Christ focusing on the values of Wisdom, Hope, Community, Dignity, Peace & Joy.

This resource adds a third year to the worship material 'Roots and Fruits'. Roots and Fruits 2 includes specially commissioned work with accompanying notes for teachers on Biblical context, mindful reflective prayer ideas and 'Fruitful lives' – stories of courageous advocates past and present.





Big Start Assemblies CD

Big Start 'Songs For Collective Worship' delivers 13 songs written by leading children's songwriters that will work in collective worship sessions or classroom reflection times. This album has been created with input from teachers and top educational specialists as part of Big Start Assemblies, but works as a stand-alone resource for 5-11s. www.bigstartassemblies.org

'William and Lucy Lead Collective Worship'

Look out for this this new resource which is being produced by the Diocese of Canterbury. I will let you know when it is published!



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.



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.

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