

Romans 15 v13

‘May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the holy spirit.’

Dear Colleagues

I hope that this E-news finds you well as we enter what is always one of the busiest times of the year. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with you as you enter that important “moving on” time within your school communities. As was the case last year I’m sure you face this feeling tired but I have absolutely no doubt you will continue to show the resilience and love for your communities that has been so obvious. Thank you once again.

This week we are circulating our online Leavers Service [YouTube link](#). I do hope you find this as valuable a resource as last year. As you are aware we have a number of schools who will be welcoming members of our clergy to lead them in this act of worship. We hope that this support will add to the impact of the experience. I am very grateful to those clergy members who are taking part in this but all the same, we hope to be back worshipping together in person next year.

One exciting outcome of this project has been the butterfly display that is being installed in Chichester Cathedral. We were delighted to receive over 1400 butterflies and what a display that will make! In many ways it is a really encouraging sign of unity and togetherness that we are able to deliver so many to the Cathedral Team. The installation will be on show from 30 June until 15 July so if you get the chance, do please pop in and see this symbol of our church school family.

I would like to remind you that we have postponed our Headteachers Conference that was scheduled for 7 July and it will now be held on Wednesday 29 September. We will uphold all bookings that were made for the previous dates but would really appreciate it if you were looking to cancel your booking, to inform us as soon as possible as we have a number of enquiries now that the date has moved. The theme of the conference will continue to be Growing Partnerships and we are delighted that the speakers have agreed to move to that date. As we have said in other communications we see it as a joy for us all to be able to meet together in person when we get the chance. So, I do hope to see as many of you there as we possibly can.

However, the 7 July remains a date where we would like to get together and we are holding a brief online gathering of approximately 45 minutes at 09.30 on that day. It will just be an opportunity to say thank you, to pray and to watch the premiere of our Growing Partnerships video which we are looking to circulate throughout all parts of the diocese to celebrate the partnerships we are building up between churches and their linked schools. There is no need to sign up just join us on this Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96892413938?pwd=b1pESHA5MkZTdFlxd2pPM2Z0MG90dz09>

Meeting ID: 968 9241 3938

Passcode: 835702

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible who can make this short gathering.

As I write these notes the end of term seems to still be a long way off. However, I would still like to wish you a very restful and enjoyable holiday when it comes. Whilst there will still be challenges and hurdles to overcome in our current circumstances, my wish is that you will share a sense of growing hope and security. Please do plan in significant times of rest over the summer. I will be in touch before the end of term.

Yours sincerely

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