

Dear Colleagues,

**Director: Mr Trevor Cristin** 

Welcome back to what I hope to be a very enjoyable, but slightly disrupted half term as we engage with a number of bank holidays and exciting events.

I wrote to you last week to inform you that the Collective Worship resources for the Coronation have been published by the Church of England Education Office Schools, young people and families | The Church of England and we have also added a link to the work carried out by our colleagues in the Diocese of Guildford <a href="https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/docs/default-source/making-disciples/nurturing-education/coronation-resources-for-schools-updated-11-04-04.pdf?sfvrsn=b2700832\_0">https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/docs/default-source/making-disciples/nurturing-education/coronation-resources-for-schools-updated-11-04-04.pdf?sfvrsn=b2700832\_0</a> . I hope that this offers you supportive and stimulating resources to offer your children and students on what is obviously a unique occasion.

In the information below I will be updating you on our Diocesan Year 6 Leavers' Celebrations and our Diocesan Briefing. Both events offer us the opportunity to come together as a family of Church Schools. We are very aware of the pressures you are currently under within the wider political climate. On top of that you are all heading to the annual cycle of formal assessments that brings stress and challenge to many pupils and staff. I would just like to re-emphasise our desire to ensure you do not feel alone. We are here to support you both individually and collectively throughout- please do stay in contact and do not feel isolated.

Our Year 6 Leavers' Celebration services begin soon after half term. It is always lovely to see as many of you as I can during those weeks and this year is the biggest we have ever had. With over 125 schools we are expecting over 3700 children to join us. Most of our venues are full, but if you have now decided that you would like to join us, please contact Suzanne Dillingham at <a href="leavers@chichester.anglican.org">leavers@chichester.anglican.org</a> to see what options remain. Other than that, we really look forward to welcoming you to these events in one of the 14 services that will be taking place in June and early July.

I'd like to give you advance warning that the Diocesan Briefing for the summer term will be taking place at 4.30pm on Thursday 13 July. Our summer briefing tends to be slightly lighter and shorter. As ever we will update you on any news that has come in and any preparation for September but also it is a chance for us to offer you a vote of thanks for everything that you have done during the year. You will need to book and this can be done by following this link: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/619594432627">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/619594432627</a>

As we enter the month of May, the rhythm of the term takes a slightly different direction. Please take care of yourselves and ensure you are getting sufficient rest. We continue to pray for you all. Best wishes

Your sincerely.

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