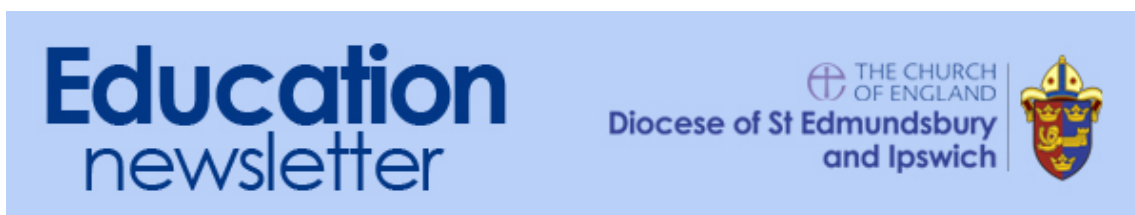


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July 2019

News from the Diocese

Dear all,

As we approach the end of this term, it is good to give thanks for so much that has happened over the term and the past school year. Just as our Year 6, Year 11 and 13 pupils leave for the next stage of their lives, with memories of what they have learned, experiences they have shared and friendships they have made, so we give thanks, too, for all the good things that have happened in our schools across the diocese. Since our last newsletter, it has been good to celebrate the work of Helen Matter and Helen Woodroffe at a special service of celebration at the cathedral on 6 June. At our Diocesan Synod on 8 June, Bishop Martin listened to pupils talk about faith before we spent time in workshops considering how we grow in faith in our churches, schools and households as we respond to the Church of England's report on Growing Faith-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-01/GS%202121.pdf>

It was good to put children at the heart of the morning and I hope we may continue to develop ways of listening to children and young people, in the way that schools so often do successfully.

I very much enjoyed visiting the LIFE exhibition in June at St John's church in Ipswich, where hundreds of children from a range of schools learnt about the life, ministry and teaching of Jesus. It was also a real pleasure to join Headteachers for our annual wellbeing day in the beautiful surroundings of Assington Hall near Sudbury in July. This event continues to be an oasis for Headteachers. John Neal, CEO of Suffolk MIND provided a thoughtful insight into mental health and lots of practical ideas. May I recommend their services to schools-

<https://www.suffolkmind.org.uk/for-organisations/schools/early-minds/>

We are already looking forward to the new school year and have a number of events coming up. May I encourage you to come to our annual church school leads' conference on Wednesday 6 November? As well as our main morning session led by Contender Charlie, we shall be launching the Archbishop of York's Young Leaders Award. Please see our [website](#) for details of the programme.

I am delighted to be working with the chaplain at Framlingham College, Revd Brynn Bayman, who will be hosting a dinner for



Training for the Autumn term

Courses are already planned, including:

- * the first of three twilight sessions on leading a church school (see below);
- * a new twilight session on developing middle leaders;
- * being a governor in church schools
- * recruiting and managing performance of your Headteacher
- * a wellbeing event for administrators;
- * our termly Basics of RE and Collective Worship courses;
- * a look at the new SIAMS Schedule; and
- * developing the role of primary RE subject leaders.

To find out more, please visit the [Diocesan website](#); or contact [Jacqui Studd](#).

governors on Spiritual Leadership and School Governance at a special event on Thursday 17 October from 5.30-8.30pm. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for details.

At the end of a busy year, may I take this opportunity to thank you for all that you do to lead, govern and support church schools and to wish you all a very relaxing summer holiday? To those Headteachers who retire this summer, and especially to Helen Matter, Diocesan Schools' Adviser, our special thanks for all that you have done and all good wishes for the future.

With all good wishes from all the team,

Jane Sheat

Jane Sheat
Diocesan Director of Education

News from Schools



Tattingstone CEVCP School recently asked Helen Matter to officially open new classrooms at the school and re-name the room that was formally known as 'Kingfishers class'. For more on this very special occasion and what Helen called the classroom please click [here](#).



A new plinth at **St Matthew's CofE Primary School, Ipswich** was blessed by Bishop Martin in June. Sue Todd, Headteacher said "The plinth was the idea of our Church School Council and shows all who come to our school, what our school is like."



Holocaust Memorial Day 27 January 2020

To mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) is launching a new project called 75 Memorial Flames. HMDT are asking for schools and other groups to create artwork featuring a Memorial Flame in response to the Holocaust or as a reflection on the theme for HMD 2020: Stand Together.

Please note that registration for this project is by Friday 19 July - please click [here](#) for the online form. No further details of the artwork are needed until October.

For more on the project, please click [here](#).



Pupils from **Long Melford CofE Primary School** have been working on Pentecost with the church.



Eco Day at the Cathedral 24 June 2019

Seven church schools took part in the Eco Day. The theme was Stewards of God's Creation which carried on from the focus of the recent Diocesan Art Project. Workshops looked at how we can encourage others to see the wonder of God's creation, how we can develop habitats for wildlife

in our gardens and and what we can do to help. Thank you to all those who took part from Great Barton CofE Primary, Great Waldingfield CEVCP, Honington CEVCP, Long Melford CofE Primary, Risby CEVCP, Tattingstone CEVCP and Walsham Le Willows CEVCP. Also a special thank you to those who helped organise the day and those who led the workshops.



Eucharist at All Saints' CofE Primary School, Newmarket



The school Eucharist is an amazingly special time for the whole school community. This year, Miss Bacon, who expertly organises the event, chose the 150th birthday as the theme for the Eucharist, and so the children's prayers and offerings of thanks had a birthday theme. As usual, our staff were very imaginative in the way that the thanks were prepared and presented. Reverend Max Drinkwater from St Mary's Church expertly stood in for Reverend Osborne who was unable to attend and a wonderful time was had by all.



Dates for your diary:

Sunday 6 October 2019

An education service will again be held in the cathedral at Bury St Edmunds at 5.30pm.

For this year's Service in October, we wondered if schools would like to learn one of the songs in advance, based on this year's theme - You are the Vine. Please click here for the hymn on [YouTube](#). The words are available [here](#).

Wednesday 6 November

The annual church school leaders' conference will be at the St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich.

LEADING A CHURCH SCHOOL

We are again offering twilight training sessions on leading a church school. You may be a very experienced school leader or in your first headship post but there will be something for you in these discussions – and the opportunity to network is invaluable! (And there will be cake!)

The sessions will include a look at issues such as: vision and values in action; working with the church, foundation governors and the diocese; and leading Collective Worship.

Sessions take place on:

11 September 2019 4pm
14 January 2020 4pm
7 May 2020 4pm

To sign up please contact [Jacqui Studd](#)

In a recent assembly pupils at **Sir Robert Hitcham CEVAP School, Debenham** were looking at blessings - how they remind us that God is with us in all we do.

The children then suggested lines to create their own blessing - please see below.

Julia van Ek, Headteacher: "We were really heart-warmed by the pupils' thoughtfulness and understanding. We have put the blessing up around the school to remind them of their hopes for each other."

SIR ROBERT HITCHAM CEVAP SCHOOL - A Sir Robert Hitcham Blessing

May your life be full of laughter.

May your bed be soft.

May the world be on your side.

May your road through life be clear.

May the rainbow end before you.

May the people around you, snuff out your worries.

Let your heart be full of love.

Written by the children of Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School,
Debenham. June 2019

Congratulations!



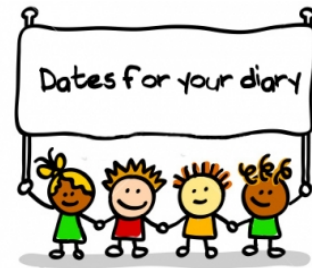
Raising the Bar Awards 2019

Congratulations to the winners and all those shortlisted for the Raising the Bar Awards 2019. The following were from church schools:

- **Dylan Murray** - East Bergholt CEVCP School (winner of inspirational/Young person of the year - Primary)
- **Manny Smiley** - St Mary's Academy, Mildenhall (winner of inspirational/Young person of the year - Primary)
- **Kate Hayward-Brackenbury** - St Mary's C of E Primary School, Woodbridge (winner of Excellence in Digital Strategy)
- **Oliver Clifford** - Worlingham CEVC Primary School (special recognition Excellence in Digital Strategy)
- **Roisin Wiseman** - Wilby CEVCP School (shortlisted for Educational Leader and Setting of the Year - Primary)

For more, please see the East Anglian Daily Times [article](#)

For more about Raising the Bar, please click [here](#).



Summer reading challenge

20 July – 2 September 2019

Education Sunday

8 September 2019

Roald Dahl Day

13 September 2019

National TAs Day

16 September 2019

International Day of Peace

21 September 2019

Seed Gathering Season

23 September – 23 October 2019

National Poetry Day

3 October 2019

World Animal Day

4 October 2019

World Space Week

4 – 10 October 2019

World Teachers' Day

5 October 2019

Dyslexia Awareness Week

7 October 2019

Humphrey's Pyjamas Week

7 – 11 October 2019

Thank a vicar week

13 – 20 October 2019

Congratulations to **Charsfield CofE Primary School, Elmsett CEVCP and Orford CEVAP Schools** who won a recent lego competition set by the East Anglian Daily Times and Ipswich Star. For more, please see the [EADT](#) article.

Congratulations to pupils from six of our church schools who have helped create a new mosaic for the Theatre Royal, Bury St



Congratulations to Rachel Bacon, All Saints' CofE Primary School, Newmarket who received the first WIRE award in Suffolk at the SACRE Summer RE Conference on 18 June.

'Widening Inclusivity in RE' (WIRE) involves submitting simple evidence of four areas which show that staff and pupils are working on developing links outside their school: (i) attendance at a course / RE network, (ii) visit to / visitor from a Christian community, (iii) visit to / visitor from a non-Christian community, (iv) pupil involvement in / creating an RE event

Well done All Saints!

For further information on WIRE and how to apply, please click [here](#).

Ofsted Inspections

Barningham CEVCP
 Bedfield CEVCP
 Sir Robert Hitcham CEVAP, Debenham
 Old Newton CofE Primary
 Trinity CEVAP, Stowmarket
 Tattingstone CEVCP
 Thorndon CEVCP
 Wetheringsett CEVCP
 Worlingworth CEVCP

Outcomes

Good
 Requires improvement
 Requires improvement
 Good
 Good
 Good
 Requires improvement
 Good
 Outstanding

SIAMS Inspections

Hartest CofE Primary
 Hintlesham & Chattisham CofE Primary
 Risby CEVCP
 Thurlow CEVCP

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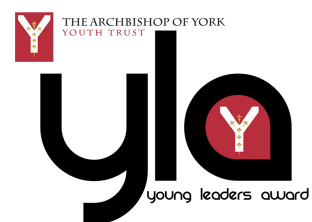
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Edmunds to celebrate the theatre's 200th anniversary. The schools involved were: **All Saints CEVCP, Lawshall, Barrow CEVCP, Great Barton CofE Primary, Great Whelnetham CEVCP, Hartest CofE Primary, Risby CEVCP.** For more, please see the [EADT](#).



Congratulations to **Stoke by Nayland CofE Primary School**, on achieving the Gold Linguamarque award.

Jane Le Grice, Headteacher: "We recently achieved our Gold Linguamarque award which we are very proud of. It has been an exciting journey to develop the language skills and cultural links and development needed to arrive at this point, and importantly to ensure the momentum carries forward to further learning. The first thing a year 6 said was "Is there a Diamond Award to go for!"



Regional Worker - East Anglia

The Archbishop of York Youth Trust is recruiting to a regional worker in East Anglia. This role would be good for individuals with a background/qualifications in school work /education /charity /youth /young-people.

For more information, please click [here](#).

Headteacher appointments

Congratulations to the following Headteachers on their appointment:

- Claire McMeekin who has been appointed Headteacher at Kelsale CEVCP School from September 2019.
- John Crane who has been appointed Headteacher at Morland CofE Primary School, Ipswich from September 2019.

For the Attention of Headteachers

If you are retiring or resigning as Headteacher, please do let us know. Jane, Karen or Phil will attend meetings with your Governors to advise on the headship appointment, alongside the Local Authority. We can be in contact with your Chair of Governors and make sure that we are available for dates for shortlisting and interviews. Many thanks.

WANT MORE FUNDING? USE YOUR VOICE!

On Friday 27th September we hope to have 5,000 Headteachers marching in London demanding - politely - fairer funding for schools. Please will you be one of them?

We have the backing of an MP from each of the major parties and Caroline Lucas (Green) is marching with us too.

A lot of work on this has been undertaken by the teaching unions and a group called f40 who campaign for fairer funding in education for those LAs who receive the lowest per capita allocation. This has resulted in a clear message to government about the amount of extra funding needed to reverse the 'real' cuts in the last years.

We need £12.6 billion by 2022/23. This [document](#) explains it clearly.

So far just a handful of us are committed to going – so if you want a better budget next year PLEASE be part of September 27th. You can email me karen.harman@cofesuffolk.org or Jacqui Frost at liaison@spha.org.uk

and we will we send out final details in September.

Thank you,

Karen Harman
Deputy Diocesan Director of Education

News from the Church of England

The Church of England Professional Qualification for Headship (including NPQH)

Applications are now open for the CofEPQH starting in January 2020 at seven delivery centres across the country.

The Diocese of Peterborough are offering families with school age children the opportunity of a lifetime to travel to the Holy Land during the 2020 February half-term holiday (15 - 22), taking part in a family pilgrimage following in the footsteps of Jesus. Further details are [attached](#).

[Farmvention](#) (when farming meets invention) is a national STEM competition run by NFU Education and aimed at primary school children. The competition runs for the duration of the Autumn term 2019 so schools may want to add it to their STEM planning or even set it as a challenge for the summer holidays. For more, including details of three problem based challenges, please click [here](#).

Interfaith programmes for schools

St Philip's Centre, based in Leicester, offers an interfaith education service for schools. Programmes provide direct contact with a wide range of faith communities and complement schools' RE or British Values curricula. The Centre can arrange for faith practitioners to visit your school or for you to visit places of worship in Leicester. For more, please click [here](#).

The programme takes a distinctively Christian approach to covering the NPQH, exploring the practical challenges of headship through ethical and value based lenses, as well as offering the opportunity to build a professional network that will support you over the coming years.

Funding and bursaries are available for eligible schools.

Please click [here](#) to find out more and make your application.

News from the Department of Education

Financial transparency of LA maintained schools and academy trusts

The DfE are inviting views from across the education system on applying some of the financial measures used in academies to local authority run schools.

For more information, please click [here](#)

For the consultation, please click [here](#)

Deadline for responses is 9.30am on 30 September

Leading Governance

Schools' Choice Governor Services are running a new cohort of the Leading Governance programme in partnership with the NGA starting in October. The face to face sessions will be held at the Priory School in Bury St Edmunds. Two free places are available for each school.

Please find further details and how to apply [here](#)

News from YOUR School

What we are asking for is photos, short articles, web-page references, etc that we can highlight in the next and subsequent editions of this newsletter so that your school's achievements can be broadcast to a wider audience. Please send items electronically to [Jacqui](#) and we'll be pleased to include them.

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