

## SCHOOLS MAILING

Welcome to the third issue of our Schools Newsletter. We hope you find them useful and informative.

**Rescheduled day for new Head Teachers, 26 May, 2011,  
10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. at Church House, North Shields**

**The above event has now been rescheduled and recently appointed colleagues should receive details in the post in the next few days.**

### **'Religious Education in the Primary School'**

This training event has now been confirmed and will take place on Wednesday 29 June 2011 from 10.00 am—3.30 pm, at the Marriott Hotel (Metro Centre). The focus for the day will be:-

- 1) R.E. in the Early Years
- 2) Levelling at Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
- 3) Active Learning in R.E.

### **International links**

On our visits to schools we see first-hand the huge amount of work that many of you do to support and develop an international dimension to education. We are keen to have an overview of this work across the Dioceses and to know about any productive and exciting overseas partnerships you may have. Whether your interest is in languages, international exchanges, cultural learning or any other sphere, we would love to hear from you. Please would you send brief details by post or email to Mike Davison at Church House, St John's Terrace, North Shields, NE29 6HS. Email: [mike.davison@drmnewcanglican.org](mailto:mike.davison@drmnewcanglican.org)

### **LESOTHO VISIT**

In early March Durham Diocese welcomed a delegation from Lesotho to celebrate 25 years of the Durham-Lesotho LINK project. They visited several schools in the diocese and met with representatives of the Board of Education and Education Team. The diocese of Lesotho is keen to develop further links. If any schools would like to explore the possibility of putting the topic of Lesotho into the curriculum then please contact [mike.davison@drmnewcanglican.org](mailto:mike.davison@drmnewcanglican.org)

A return visit to Lesotho has now been organized and will take place in October 2011. Bishop Mark will lead the delegation from Durham which continues our celebration of the LINK.

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### NEEDS

#### Capital and Revenue Projects

When you and your governing body are considering work to be carried out within school there is now a requirement to liaise with Building NEEDS in respect of proposed projects. Building NEEDS has successfully carried out many projects, large and small across both Dioceses providing help and support to Headteachers and Governing Bodies with all aspects of the maintenance, repair and improvement of their school buildings. Building NEEDS would welcome the opportunity to work either as your design consultant or agent on future schemes.

As your design consultant Building NEEDS would act as the School's lead consultant, designing and managing the construction process from start to finish on small to medium scale projects. The team's experience within construction and education ensures that the project will not only comply with necessary regulatory requirements but will also be of real long term benefit to the school and create a learning environment to be proud of.

Acting as your agent, Building NEEDS would work alongside a selected designer on medium to larger scale schemes of refurbishment or new build. The team are able to act as the school's agent to deal with some of the day to day technical queries and problems that building projects often create thus taking the hassle away from the school. Utilising the team's knowledge and experience in this way ensures the most efficient use of funding is achieved and that the projects are delivered on time to the school's requirements.

Building NEEDS is a joint venture owned by both Durham and Newcastle Diocese, with any profit from the company being gift aided back to the Dioceses to assist with the provision of Christian Education in the North East.

#### Forced Marriage Training

The training will be held over 1½ days at Church House on Tuesday 10th May from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm, and on Wednesday 18 May from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. The charge for Wednesday will be £5 to cover the cost of lunch. This promises to be very interesting event and is open to teachers and governors. To reserve a place please contact [j.pinnegar@newcastle.anglican.org](mailto:j.pinnegar@newcastle.anglican.org)

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### Curriculum

#### Love and Sex Matters—Liz Carter

A new resource for teachers of SRE developed by Salisbury and Bristol Dioceses is now available on the new Church of England/National Society web site. At present the resource is for KS2 and KS3 but resources for KS1 and KS4 are in development and being trialled in schools.

[www.churchofengland.org/national-society/teaching-learning](http://www.churchofengland.org/national-society/teaching-learning) then school to SMSC

### MERCY SHIPS—DARE TO WEAR!

We are pleased to commend to you a very worthwhile Christian medical charity. Please help Mercy Ships by passing this email on to the relevant person and encourage them to join in the fun to support the Africa Mercy this Summer Term.

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER**— or if you would like further information about Mercy Ships please contact Richard Gascoyne at Church House email: [r.gascoyne@newcastle.anglican.org](mailto:r.gascoyne@newcastle.anglican.org)

# DARE WEAR

**WILL YOU DARE TO WEAR THIS SUMMER? PUT A DATE IN THE SCHOOL DIARY TODAY!**

Schools right across the UK are invited to slip on their coolest, wackiest, most glamorous shades on one day next term.

You'll be raising awareness about the gift of sight and the important message about wearing protective sunglasses.

**We are appealing to pupils of all ages and staff in schools to hold a DARE TO WEAR – SHADES AWARENESS DAY and make a small donation for taking part. We will provide all the resources you need to ensure your day is a huge success so it couldn't be simpler to don those shades and get involved.**

A small change on one day in your school can make a BIG difference to many lives in Sierra Leone.

**So join in the fun..... DARE TO WEAR and help people to see, walk and smile for the very first time.**

Mercy Ships operates the world's largest charity hospital ship delivering free health care to the poorest people in Africa.

This year our volunteer crew is working in Sierra Leone for the 5<sup>th</sup> time during the countries 50<sup>th</sup> year of independence. All proceeds from Dare to Wear this year will support Mercy Ships work in Sierra Leone.

For more information about our floating hospital ship and extraordinary volunteer crew, simply download a pack and lots of fun and informative resources at [www.mercyships.org.uk/dare-wear](http://www.mercyships.org.uk/dare-wear)

Or to request a Schools Pack, please email [info@mercyships.org.uk](mailto:info@mercyships.org.uk) or telephone 01438 727800 or our Scottish Office 01899 830 475