

January Mailing 2010

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DIOCESAN MATTERS

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to the following colleagues who have recently taken up their posts:

Lesley Craig, Principal, All Saints College; Effie Fenton, Head Teacher, Acklington; Jenny Morgan, Head Teacher, Whitley Chapel; Liz Baker, Head Teacher, Whitfield; Nicola Brannen and Suzanne Connelly, Head Teachers, Felton; Pauline Molloy, Head Teacher, Morpeth All Saints; Belinda Athey, Acting Head Teacher, Whittingham; Susan Hall, Acting Head Teacher, Longhorsley and Whalton.

1. New Heads Day

This is taking place next Tuesday, 26 January. Details of this have been sent out to all new Heads. Please ensure that you have confirmed your attendance with Eileen Bell on 0191 2704141 or by email e.bell@newcastle.anglican.org

2. Education Conference

The theme for the conference this year is '*Excellence through Distinctiveness*'. It takes place at Dissington Hall on Thursday 11th March. Further information will be sent out soon, but make sure the date is in your diary.

3. Leavers' Service

This service will take place on Wednesday 16th June at 11am in St Nicholas Cathedral. Again, further information will follow later this term.

4. SIAS – update

Please note that schools should now use the National Society framework and toolkit 2009 for all SIAS inspections. Details are on the Diocesan Website 'Schools' section.

5. Philippa Hanna

Singer, songwriter Philippa Hanna is appearing at St Nicholas Cathedral on Friday 12th March at 7:30pm. During the evening she will share her story and speak about her trip to Haiti with the international charity 'Compassion'. Further details can be found on our diocesan website. Tickets are £3 and available from Andrew Shipton on 0191 2704152 or a.shipton@newcastle.anglican.org

6. VA Schools: LCVAP and DFC

If you have any queries LCVAP or DFC please ring Eileen on 0191 2794141 or email e.bell@newcastle.anglican.org

NATIONAL MATTERS

1. Education Sunday 31 January, 2010

Education Sunday is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in the world of education, and is marked by Christian churches around the UK & Ireland. Education Sunday is an excellent opportunity to establish or strengthen links between churches and schools. The theme is devised by an ecumenical steering group representing different Christian denominations and organisations and the theme for 2010 is ***Called to Serve***.

Material for Education Sunday 31 January 2010 is available on www.educationsunday.org

The ideas are intended to be used as a springboard for a variety of events on or around Education Sunday.

2. Holocaust Memorial Day 2010

Become part of 'The Legacy of Hope' on Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January 2010. On the 27th January a new education website is launched offering new themes on all subjects, for all ages and its FREE. Please visit <http://education.hmd.org.uk>

3. Stapleford Centre

The Stapleford Centre has launched an exciting new free resource to support the teaching of RE in primary schools. Their website address is www.stapleford-centre.org/index

4. 3rd Annual CfLaT 'Enquiring into Learning Competencies'

Takes place on Monday 14th June at St James Park, Newcastle. Keynote speakers include Professor Carol Dweck (widely regarded as one of the world's leading researchers in the fields of personality, social psychology and developmental psychology) and Professor David Leat (Professor of curriculum innovation, Research Centre for Learning and Teaching at Newcastle University). To book and for further details please email vivieene.moffett@newcastle.ac.uk or go to <http://www.carol-dweck.co.uk/index.php/1146>

5. Extended Services

Disadvantage subsidy – activities for all.

The extended services disadvantage subsidy is part of the Government's commitment to the provision of extended services in and around school. It will be available to all schools and school clusters from April 2010. This subsidy provides funding to make activities available to all pupils, not just those whose families can afford to pay for them.

For more information and to download resources or order hard copies, visit: www.tda.gov.uk/subsidy.