

Schools Newsletter

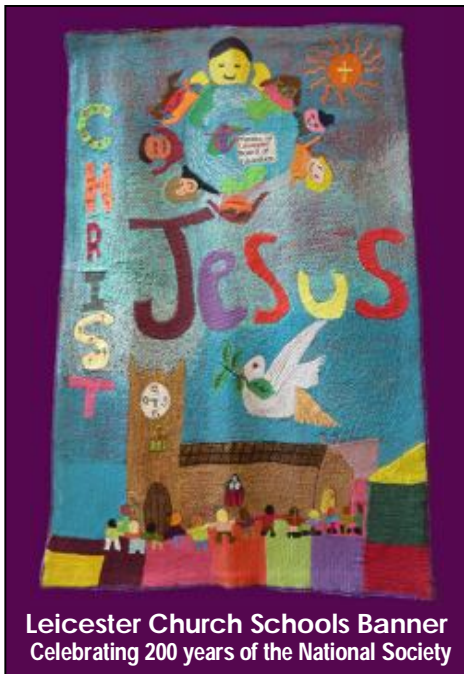
Autumn Term 2011



Message from the Diocesan Director of Education – Canon Mary Lawson

Dear All

Welcome back to the start of another school year. I do hope you all had a restful summer and are returning with recharged your batteries!!



Leicester Church Schools Banner
Celebrating 200 years of the National Society

I have been delighted with the progress of the Held Together carving and we have amazing examples of work and activities on our blog. An important date for your diaries will be the very special service in the Cathedral on December 8th 2011 with Bishop Tim Stevens. The Dean of Leicester Cathedral, Viv Faulkner will officially accept the carving back to its home here in Leicester. This service will be centred around the children in our schools and we hope as many schools as possible attend. More information to follow.....

Our blog will remain on the website throughout next year, so please keep promoting your work and your school with all the exciting things you are doing such as special projects, awards etc.

www.leicester.anglican.org/diocese-office/education/

Share what you do with everyone across the Diocese and beyond!! We are looking forward to the Olympics in 2012 and are planning a pilgrimage for the year around the Olympic theme, but this time more localised. I know quite a few of you have started planning for work in school around the Olympics and the following websites might help. They are worth a look at and not just for PE Co-ordinators either!! All schools should register on the **Get Set** website and the **More than Gold** Website for working with your local Churches. Other websites are **kidsgames.com** to look at plans and games across the world and **max7.com** is also an excellent site.

As mentioned, our blog will continue so there will be plenty of opportunities to share what you are planning for the Olympics 2012 too. I look forward to seeing your plans!!

Kindest regards,

Mary Lawson

Director of Education - Diocese of Leicester

PS. If you know of any bereavement or serious illness within your school and community, please could you let me know, as we would very much like to give our support during this time. Also, if you have a long serving governor who is stepping down, please tell us, so that their hard work can be acknowledged!

BODY AND SOUL

A RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION COURSE
FOR THE TEACHING OF 9 - 11 YEAR OLDS

With Lat Blaylock and Fiona Moss

Tried and tested units of work with practical and inspiring ideas to approach the values and relationships area of SRE with confidence.

Tuesday, 25th October 2011,
9.00 am to 3.30 pm
Forest Lodge Education Centre

Cost: £100.00
(inc 'Body & Soul' pack worth £37.50)

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(Booking form enclosed with newsletter)

NOTE: Just 50 places available on this course!

Church School Awards 2012

These awards are open to all Church Schools and are designed to promote the fantastic and vital work done in the areas of community cohesion and global citizenship. A great opportunity for everyone involved in Christian education to celebrate the unique and vital work of their school and to show what underpins all of our Church Schools within the local community, the UK and Worldwide. To register your interest go to: www.churchschoolawards.com
We know so many of our schools here in the Leicester Diocese are doing wonderful work in this area and we would urge you to apply for this prestigious award.



Congratulations to Barwell Church of England Junior School who won the 2011 Regional Final and represented the Leicester Diocese at the National Final at Westminster Cathedral Hall back in March 2011

Important Gathering for Headteachers and Chairs of Governors

St Martins House, Leicester - Thursday, 8th September 2011, 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

All headteachers and Chair of Governors (or Governor representatives) of our Church School Family are invited to meet with Bishop Tim Stevens and the staff of the Diocesan Board of Education at the first of our regular Headteacher meetings. Light refreshments will be served at this important event for developing even stronger support and links between us all and updating on latest education matters.

We would encourage at least one representative to attend from each school, please!

At a glance Dates for your Diary, Autumn Term 2011

Thursday 8 th Sept	Church School Headteachers and Chair of Governors meeting with Bishop Tim and DBE staff St Martins House, 2.00pm to 3.30 pm with light refreshments.
Thursday 22 nd Sept	Launch and Training Event for new RE Syllabus (re-scheduled) Measham CE Primary School, 1.15 pm to 4.00 pm
Monday 3 rd Oct	Launch and Training Event for new RE Syllabus (extra date for those who have been unable to attend) St Peter & St Paul's CE Primary School, Syston 1.45 pm to 3.45 pm
Tuesday 4 th Oct	Launch and Training Event for new RE Syllabus (extra date for those who have been unable to attend) St Martins House, Leicester 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm
Friday 14 th Oct	Westminster Abbey, London – The National Society 200 year Celebration Service with Banner Design winners and representatives from their schools.
Tuesday 25 th Oct	Body and Soul: Relationship Education Course (for teachers of 9 –11 year olds) with Lat Blaylock & Fiona Moss. £100 inc lunch/course materials. Forest Lodge Education Centre
Thursday 27 th Oct	Godly Play Meeting: For teachers, support staff and church members who would like to see how this strategy works within a classroom. St Martins House, 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm
Monday 7 th Nov	RE Co-ordinator Network Meeting, Redmile CE Primary School, 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm
Tuesday 8 th Nov	RE Co-ordinator Network Meeting, Ullesthorpe CE Primary School, 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm
Thursday 10 th Nov	RE Co-ordinator Network Meeting, Hathern CE Primary School, 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm

For further details and booking forms, please contact Helen Van Roose on 0116 248 7452, or go to:
www.leicester.anglican.org/diocese-office/education/courses-conferences-and-booking-forms/

Farewell, Best Wishes and Thank you

At the end of the summer term we said goodbye to:

- ◆ Sue Bracey, St Peter's CE Primary School, Whetstone
- ◆ May Phillips, Burbage CE Infant School
- ◆ Mal Knapton, Swannington CE Primary School
- ◆ Trevor Wright, Tugby CE Primary School
- ◆ Lynn Lockton, Ullesthorpe CE Primary School
- ◆ Irene Hill, Salford CE Primary
- ◆ Michael Bailey, Church Langton CE Primary School

To those retiring, we wish you a long, healthy and well deserved retirement and to those moving on to other schools, we wish you every blessing in your new roles.

Welcome to our Church School Family

This term, we are pleased to welcome the following to our Church School family:

- ◆ Karen Allen, Burbage CE Infant School
- ◆ Keith John, St Hardulphs CE Primary School, Breedon
- ◆ Andrew Cooper, Lutterworth College
- ◆ Sally Hunt, Snarestone CE Primary School
- ◆ Michele King, Swannington CE Primary School
- ◆ Paul Wiggin, Tugby CE Primary School
- ◆ Sue Gallagher, Ullesthorpe CE Primary School
- ◆ Michael Bailey, St Peter's CE Primary School, Whetstone

We look forward to working closely together. Please remember we are here at the end of a phone if you need any help or advice in your new role.

Faith Stories Project

Take an opportunity to plan a trip outside the classroom to support your RE curriculum. There are three dates available on the Faith Stories Project. This involves engaging with stories from 3 different faiths and 3 places of worship.

- Friday, 30th Sept 2011 10.00 am to 2.15 pm
- Friday, 14th Oct 2011 10.00 am to 2.15 pm
- Friday, 28th Oct 2011 10.00 am to 2.15 pm

For further details, booking information and to view a range of visit programmes through Education @ Leicester Cathedral, go to
<http://www.cathedral.leicester.anglican.org>

IMPORTANT FORTHCOMING EVENT

Partnership RE Conference 2012

Beaumanor Hall - Thursday, 24th May 2012

Speakers Stephen Pett and Lat Blaylock
'Knowledge & Spirituality for Children'

Further details to follow.....

'Songs for Life CD' - £15.00

A new resource for learning hymns in Collective Worship. The CD contains audio and lesson resources and will support both teachers and pupils in delivery of creative collective worship, enjoyment of singing and spiritual development.

To place your order, please complete the enclosed form and send along with your payment for £15.00

Workshops with Liam Hadjipetrou

Liam created the Held Together Carving and designed the Pilgrimage Crosses out at Launde Abbey. He offers workshops in schools for children of all ages including wood carving, should you be thinking about developing your outdoor spaces. Further information enclosed.