

INFORMATION FLYER

April 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the April 2022 Information Flyer. We hope you'll find the following items of interest to you and your school. Please circulate to all staff and particularly subject leaders.

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2. Psalm 23:1-4-

*"God, You are my shepherd, I lack nothing.
You make me lie down in green pastures,
You lead me beside still waters, You restore
my soul. You lead me in paths of
righteousness for Your name's sake. Even
though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you
are with me! Your rod and your staff, they
comfort me!"*

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1 'Your Actions: their Future: your path to Carbon Neutrality' Conference 20th June

The Diocese of Norwich Education Services Company (DONESC) are delighted to let you know that they will be officially launching an eco-conference which is aptly titled **'Your Actions: their Future: your path to Carbon Neutrality'**, after Easter, but in the meantime, *please can you add a Save the Date to your calendars.*

Tickets will be limited and will be available via Eventbrite. They are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to this exciting event.



2. Climate Justice resources

As we continue to develop our work on being good stewards of God's creation from the launch of the Diocese of Norwich 'Our School: Our Planet' booklet, we would like to draw your attention to some exciting summer events designed by Christian Aid [Climate Justice Learning Journey poster.pdf \(christianaid.org.uk\)](https://christianaid.org.uk). These include a special Christian Aid week and a creation letter writing challenge.

We would also like to inspire you with some wonderful poems sent to us from Pulham VC Primary School after their recent participation in the 'And it was good' Norwich cathedral day (see attached).

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3. Fully Funded webcasts by leading authors – A Day of Welcome 17th June

Norfolk Schools of Sanctuary, VNET and Young Norfolk Arts Festival are working in collaboration to offer some very exciting fully-funded events for 'A Day of Welcome' in June. They have two live author events taking place on Friday 17th June. These webcasts will be hosted by children's authors, Michael Rosen and Miriam Halahmy, and are aimed at Key Stage 2 pupils. A perfect way to participate in 'A Day of Welcome' and get involved with Refugee Week.

You can find out more and register here: <https://linktr.ee/vneteducation>

4. Springs Dance Company

Springs Dance Company's ***The Good Samaritan*** and ***You Are Special*** workshops, available now for your school. Springs Dance Company specialises in cross-curricular dance, in particular with Religious Education, Values and PSHE. Focusing on the importance of helping others, ***The Good Samaritan*** workshops will consider the relevance of the parable, think about what is important and ask moral questions, going deeper into RE. Alongside the workshops you can treat the whole school with a fun-filled assembly performance, based on the parable of ***The Lost Coin***.

Springs is also delighted to be offering to schools its much loved ***You Are Special*** workshops. Based on Max Lucado's book, ***You Are Special***, the workshops tackle the big issue of self-esteem and create opportunities to discuss ideas about self-worth and how we treat others.

Further details on ***The Good Samaritan***, ***You Are Special*** and all of the workshops currently available can be found at <https://springsdancecompany.org.uk/index.php/join-in/schools-workshops>

To book or find out more please email touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk or call 07876 752 910

5. Platinum Jubilee resources

To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and as part of Thy Kingdom Come 2022, there are 500,000 free storybooks for primary school children. This small colourful book has a royal theme and is based on the Fruit of the Spirit - faithfulness. Faithfulness is like loyalty, trustworthiness and commitment rolled into one, and the Queen has set an excellent example of this. Schools can order here for free (including free P&P) <https://cheekypandas.com/free-book/>. Also provided are assembly plans, activity packs, and take-home sheets for those that want them. The book is linked to one of the 5 animated TV episodes that are being provided to resource children and families this Thy Kingdom Come. These programmes have been produced by BBC animators to help children and families grow in their faith and learn about the bible in a format that will engage them most at a critical age for faith formation. The TV series and accompanying resources will be released on www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas in time for Easter. We hope that you find these a helpful resource for your school

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6. Training

Reminder of the training offer 2021-2022



The summary of all training courses can be viewed [here](#)

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| Introduction to Governance in Church Schools and Academies | 26/04/2022 | 18.00 - 20.00 | Book via DONESC |
| The use of Art and Images in RE | 29/04/2022 | 09.30 - 15.30 | Art & Images in RE |
| Are you SIAMS ready? | 03/05/2022 | 10.00 - 15.30 | Are you SIAMS ready? |
| Introduction to Monitoring in Church Schools and Academies | 11/05/2022 | 18.00 - 20.00 | Book via DONESC |
| Collective Worship Network | 23/05/2022 | 14.00 - 16.00 | Collective Worship |
| RE Moderation and Sharing of Good Practice | 08/06/2022 | 13.30 - 16.00 | RE Moderation |
| RE Moderation and Sharing of Good Practice | 15/06/2022 | CANCELLED | |
| HT Forum | 16/06/2022 | 12.30 - 16.30 | HT Forum |
| RE Subject Leadership Toolkit | 22/06/2022 | 09.30 - 16.00 | RE Subject Leadership Toolkit |
| RE Moderation and Sharing of Good Practice | 29/06/2022 | CANCELLED | |
| RE Local Leaders Forum | 04/07/2022 | 13.30 - 16.00 | RE Local Leaders Forum |
| Understanding Christianity | 6/13/2027 June 2022 | 13.15 - 17.15 | Understanding Christianity |

7. Good New Stories – how to share your good news

We are always looking to share good news stories about the amazing work happening in our schools and would like to introduce you to Liz Humphries, our Diocesan Communications Manager.

‘My name is Elizabeth (Liz) Humphries and I’m the Communications Manager at Diocese of Norwich. As a communications team, we really want to capture the good news and work that we know is already happening in education in the Diocese, in order to share it with others. We’re looking for human interest stories, with people at the heart of them. Perhaps they are stories to challenge, to share what works well, or to celebrate exciting achievements. If you’re not sure what makes a good news story, just get in touch and we’ll talk it through.’

Please email news@dioceseofnorwich.org. You can also visit the website news section: www.dioceseofnorwich.org/news or subscribe to eNews via the website to get regular updates.

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8. ABMNS Conference (Free membership form attached)



9. Clinks Care Farm Occupational Therapy

All about 'Life After Covid'

Are you struggling mentally or physically as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic? Maybe anxiety or depression has become an issue, or you are struggling physically despite having recovered from Covid. Clinks Care Farm can help you on the road to recovery with an occupational therapy led service. Feed the animals, walk the donkeys, pick fresh produce or enjoy the green space to improve your wellbeing. Over 6 sessions we can help you build up your strength, stamina and confidence and improve your mental wellbeing. You can self-refer or ask your GP for a referral. The sessions do not cost anything thanks to a donation from the Geoffrey Watling Charity and other donations. A referral form can be downloaded here. You can fill the form in online and after submitting the form, the @Life After Covid worker will be in touch.

['Life After Covid' - Clinks Care Farm](#)

10. DIRT is good

The [Dirt Is Good Schools Programme](#) is dedicating the entire month of April to celebrate and take action for Earth Day, which is taking place on April 22nd. We are calling for Changemakers across the UK to come together, unite in compassion and take collective action for our Earth!

Future Foundations have created free, educational, and action-orientated resources, that will empower young people (aged 7-14) to make positive environmental change, no matter how big or small. They have been designed for schools, youth groups and parents to deliver to young people, and can be used during school/group time or at home. [Click here to view the resource page](#)

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11. Bibles for Schools

Over 110,000 children in Norfolk have had the joy of being given their own Bible by their Primary School since 1998. Have your children had the same joy? Perhaps some did a few years back.

Contact us at 'Bibles for Children' to see how we can help your school give your children their own Bible this year: Tel: 01761 471063 or Email: bibles4children2@aol.com, or local area contact is Roger Mundy Tel: 01328838611. Email: revmassingberd@gmail.com www.biblesforchildren.org.uk

12. SACRE Norfolk RE Conference 2022 – Save the date!

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Keep the date
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RE Teacher Conference 2022
8th July 2022 - The Enterprise Centre -
UEA - Norwich

Keynote speaker: Lat Blaylock



Booking details will be shared soon – this will be through the Norfolk County Council booking system.

13. Thank A Teacher Day – May 26th 2022

A date for your diaries to thank all staff for what they do [National Thank a Teacher Day 2022 - The Pearson National Teaching Awards](#).

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14. Science and Faith CPD

The Faraday Institute of Science and Religion in Cambridge have developed and ran a 'Science and Faith in the primary classroom' session on the primary PGCE for all the trainees at the Faculty of Education in Cambridge which was very well received. During the primary session they explored the why and how to integrate RE and Science in the primary curriculum, based on the most recent OFSTED recommendations in the subjects, through interactive presentations, discussion of resources and hands on demonstrations, using break out rooms and an online platform. The secondary Science session covered the Nature of Science as recommended by OFSTED through exploring the power and limitations of science with reference to faith also through interactive presentations and discussion of resources and then considered the teaching of controversial issues in the science classroom. They are offering online sessions in May for Teachers.

Bite sized training

Exploring Big **Science and Faith** questions in the classroom

Training sessions for **primary school teachers**, featuring **new resources** you can use in your classrooms.

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| 19 | May 2022 | How can RE help with teaching science? For upper primary teachers Classroom resources: Climate change, Evolution, Spending priorities |
| 23 | May 2022 | How can wonder in creation be part of science? For lower primary teachers Classroom resources: Classifying spiders, Observing the night sky |
| 24 | May 2022 | How combining perspectives from both science and faith can help tackle big issues. For school leaders in the primary setting Classroom resources: Racism, Climate change, How to read Genesis |
| 26 | May 2022 | How can the Nature of Science be taught? (recommended concept for primary science, OFSTED 2021) For primary teachers Classroom resources: Bouncing balls, Spending priorities, Popcorn |

*Each session will be online, running from 4 - 5pm, at a cost of £50 per person.



Join us!

For more information, contact our programme training officer, Cathy Priest: cathy.priest@faraday.cam.ac.uk
Alternatively, sign up straight away using this link: www.faraday.institute/primary
Visit our educators site, here: <https://faradayeducators.com/>

15. Teacher Recruitment – Teach First and Rural Schools webinar

Teach First have a special webinar about Early Years and Primary recruitment for Diocese of Norwich Schools on Tuesday 10th May 4-5pm. *Please see attached flyer for more details.*