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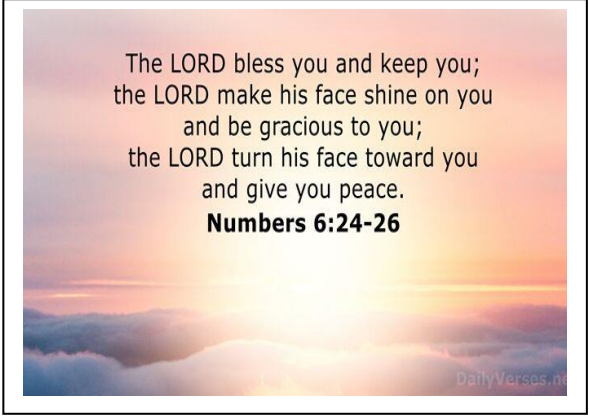
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Dear Colleagues,

We hope you'll find the following items of interest. There is nothing for urgent action, but we wanted to share now rather than wait until September. Please circulate to all staff and particularly subject leaders.

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The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

1. Dot Com digital

As a follow on from the Headteacher Forum webinar with Dawn, Sharon and Elm Hall Primary: Dot Com Digital provides a unique safeguarding programme that supports children's personal, social and emotional development and helps provide a safe space for them to learn the skills to lead a safe and happy life.

The free lessons can be accessed via <https://www.2simple.com/dot-com-digital/free-resources/>

2. Spiritual Gardens funding

Earlier in the academic year, we shared our new [Spiritual Development publication](#). Again, we would love to hear how this has supported you in school.

After discussions with the Diocesan Board of Education, we are excited to launch our latest project – creating spiritual/reflection gardens which has a funding incentive. It has often been mentioned to us how both pupils and adults benefit from a designated area in the school which has been set aside to encourage reflection, find quiet, allow calm, appreciate nature and facilitate opportunities for prayer and reflection. We have been delighted to have been sent examples of these spiritual gardens from different schools within the Diocese of Norwich.

The following websites provide examples of the planning stages which aim to develop pupil leadership and bring the community together:

[Spiritual Gardens – The Diocese of Ely Education Directorate](#)

[Spiritual Gardens – Diocese of Gloucester \(anglican.org\)](#)

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We are offering a start-up fund of £100 to any of our Diocese of Norwich Schools to enable you to begin this project. If you would like to take up this opportunity, please email holly.davy@dioceseofnorwich.org with a headed paper invoice (payable to NDBF) so that we can reimburse you with the £100 funding. Conditions of the funds include sharing an article of the process so that we can inspire other schools. If you already have a spiritual garden, you can still take up this offer, to develop it even further. Again, we would like a case study to inspire other schools and begin to create a directory of spiritual gardens.

3. New Jumping Fish experiences

Jumping Fish are delighted to introduce to you their latest publications, Experience Advent, Experience Lent and Experience After Easter. Due to popular demand, they have extended their range of Experience Journey publications and have added three new major publications since December 2021.

If you would like to add a copy of these publications to your repertoire, or if you would like to find out more about their range of publications, please contact:

jumpingfish@glosdioc.org.uk www.jumpingfishpublications.co.uk

4. Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle event Saturday 10th September 2022

Many historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are battling to survive. Roofs leak, lead roofs are stolen, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles.

Now you can help by joining a sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful churches, which also raises money for their repair and preservation. The event is happening on Saturday 10th September and is a wonderful opportunity to share family time cycling in the Norfolk countryside together with supporting the diocesan churches. For full details please see the attached flyer.

5. New Song by Pop UK

PopUK has released a new song 'Life is always better', celebrating the CofE's vision for Education: Fullness of Life. They would like as many schools as possible to access this song through their **free song bank**. Please use the link to access all the details - [Life is Always Better](#)

6. Rise UK touring production

We wanted to introduce RISE Theatre - a Christian theatre company; they are delighted to announce that they will be once again touring with their primary school interactive day - **God's Planet** - this autumn term from September to November 2022.

They are running a **special offer for academy and group bookings** which they hope makes the day accessible for even more schools.

Please see the attached e-flyer with all the information, including the trailer, giving a real taste of what an exciting day God's Planet is and what schools have said about it already. (Here is a peek at the God's Planet trailer to give you an idea of what the day involves - https://youtu.be/mrJgK_0htug).

7. An update from the Horstead Centre

A message from Will Mills (Centre Manager)

Dear Friends,

It was a year ago, although it seems only yesterday, that I wrote to you with an invitation to visit our Residential Activity Centre, just outside Norwich. I'm writing again this Summer Term to share some of the changes and new opportunities which I trust will continue to make The Horstead Centre an exciting, educational, and enjoyable destination for your pupils and staff

The Centre occupies a beautiful Georgian Rectory on the River Bure in Horstead. Our walled garden and enclosed woodland host a range of activities from zip-lining and rock climbing to caving, canoeing, environmental art, bushcraft and many more.

The Horstead Centre remains closely aligned with the Diocese of Norwich. Our Mission is *"to provide young people with the best possible opportunities for educational, personal, spiritual and social development through residential and day visits."*

Here are some of the exciting plans and opportunities we have at the Horstead Centre for 2022 and beyond.

Environmental Focus. At the Horstead Centre we are working to reduce our environmental impact; to better live up to the expectations of our young visitors and to set a stronger example. Improved recycling, locally sourced ingredients/supplies, tree planting and participation in local environmental conservation projects are all be part of this ongoing drive.

Environmental Education sessions. We can also design and deliver bespoke Environmental Education sessions which focus on our local ecosystems, flora, and fauna. These have recently included Species Identification and Classification, River Profile and Flow Surveys, and more. Contact us to see if we can co-design something to suit your needs.

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We have **New Activities** to choose from in 2022/23 including a new “Vertical Challenge” high-ropes activity and some more double-length adventurous sessions focussing on *Journeys* and *Teamwork*

Bookings in 2022 - We still have some availability from September onwards. This is a beautiful time to visit Horstead and is especially beneficial in supporting students to transition to a new year group or up to secondary school. We offer competitive rates and packages all year around. Between November and February, we offer a “Winter Special” rate, currently at £102 +VAT per child, for any two-night residential booking. This includes six activities of your choice!

Bookings in 2023 – 2023 is booking up fast! We value our returning schools and look forward to your visits. Do please get in touch to discuss securing your preferred dates for 2023.

2023 Prices – I have attached the revised Price List and pricing structure, which comes into effect from Sept. 2022. Although there *are* slight price rises (the first time for 4 years), we have tried our level best to keep these experiences affordable. Any bookings already made in 2022 are not affected. We hope the new simpler structure will help our guests to plan and budget further in advance. If you have any questions, I hope you will get in touch.

At the Horstead Centre we prioritise a warm welcome, safe environment, and flexible approach. We have a wonderful space, great facilities, and a caring and professional team. We hope to see you soon.

Please contact me to find out more or to discuss a booking.

Yours Faithfully

Will Mills - Centre Manager william.mills@horsteadcentre.org.uk – www.horsteadcentre.org.uk

8. Training 2022/23

Reminder of the training offer 2022-2023



For all training needs please click [here](#)

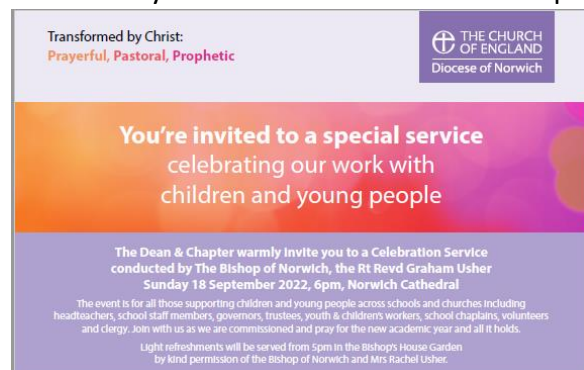
9. Bibles for Schools

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 ‘Bibles for Children’ to see how they 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

10. Celebration Service Norwich Cathedral 18th September 5pm-7pm

We would like to remind you that you are invited to a special Celebration Service at Norwich Cathedral to pray for and celebrate the work of schools and children, youth and families across the Diocese of Norwich. Please join us in the Bishop's Garden at 5pm for light refreshments and a time of networking, followed by a service in the cathedral at 6pm.



To book: [Celebration Service — Diocese of Norwich](#)

11. Environmental Sustainability – summary of work this year

Being Good Stewards of God's creation

Being good stewards of God's world has been a core strand of the work of the DBE in 2021/22 and sits highly in the courageous advocacy element of the SIAMS Schedule. As we approach the summer break, we thought that it would be useful to bring together some of the key research into one document.

In **September 2021**, The Diocese of Norwich Education team launched the publication [Our School:Our World](#) and this was quickly followed with a video and prayer campaign linked to COP 26.

In **April 2022**, the Department for Education launched its [Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy](#), which has a vision for the United Kingdom to be the world-leading education sector in sustainability and climate change by 2030. It is very much 'watch this space' in terms of resources.

It aims to do this by:

- preparing all young people for a world impacted by climate change through learning and practical experience.
- reducing direct and indirect emissions from education and care buildings, driving innovation to meet legislative targets and providing opportunities for children and young people to engage practically in the transition to net zero.
- by 2025 at least four schools and one college will have been built via the Gen Zero Platform that the department demonstrated at COP26
- creating a better environment for future generations by enhancing biodiversity, improving air quality and increasing access to, and connection with, nature in and around education and care settings.

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- accelerating the rollout of carbon literacy training to support at least one sustainability lead in every locally maintained nursery, school, college and university. The training will support settings to develop climate action plans that will bring together and drive activity to improve climate education
- The creation of a National Education Nature Park that will help children and young people to get more involved in the natural world. This will help the increase of biodiversity in the grounds of their nursery, school, or college by them taking small steps, such as installing bird feeders and 'bug hotels'. Teachers will be provided with free, high-quality climate education resources as part of the Nature Park hub.
- Giving children and young people the opportunity to undertake a new Climate Award in recognition for their work to improve their environment. The Climate Leaders Award will help children and young people develop their skills and knowledge in biodiversity and sustainability and celebrate and recognise their work in developing their skills and knowledge.

In **June 2022**, DONESC hosted an inspiring conference at the UEA in conjunction with Anglian Water around sustainability and there are planned follow up events for 2022/23.

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/community/schools/sustainable-schools/> contains presentations and resources which can support your journey of sustainability.

12. What does prayer mean to you? (Pupil voice)

A core element of the SIAMS Schedule is creating a culture of opportunities for prayer and reflection across the school day. The Diocese of Norwich vision also has prayer as one of its core strands. The DBE is passionate about hearing the voice of young people and we would like to invite representatives of 3 or 4 school councils to Zoom into a Christian Distinctiveness Committee meeting on Wednesday 2 November 2022 at 2pm for around 15 minutes to explore what prayer means to them and when they have opportunities to pray/reflect.

If you would like to be considered, please let Chris.allen@dioceseofnorwich.org know by the end of September and he will then confirm arrangements.

13. Wellbeing resources

<https://www.educationsupport.org.uk/resources/for-individuals/> provide a suite of resources for education staff related to personal health and wellbeing.

<https://www.bupafoundation.org/page/wellbeing-for-educators/> have made their Wellbeing for Educators course available to any school that is registered in the Well School community.

They are 90 minutes long, for individuals or groups of staff, and look at the habits and strategies you can implement to manage stress and anxiety, personal energy and maintain a healthy lifestyle. They are delivered by Bupa Foundation coaches and have all the resources and signposting included.