

INFORMATION FLYER

June 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the June 2023 Information Flyer. We hope you will find the following items of interest to you and your school. **Please circulate to all staff and particularly subject leaders.**

At a busy time of year, it can often be challenging to find peace amidst the end of year activity. The words of this old hymn can be an encouragement:

Drop thy still dews of quietness 'til all our strivings cease

Take from our souls the strain and stress

And let our ordered lives confess

The beauty of our thy peace, the beauty of thy peace

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

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1. Webinar – telecoms for education

True Mobility

A number of our schools have mentioned they have been pleased with the service set out below. We therefore make you aware of a webinar being offered to find out more.

Many of you will have heard telecom companies promote the benefits of mobility, either via a separate school mobile phone or a smartphone app. However, what they don't say is that you are often restricted by Wi-Fi and 4G coverage. Few mobility offerings present the school number which is important to ensure that the call is recognised, answered and complies with GDPR.

With cyber-attacks becoming more common within schools, it is paramount that your telecom provider can offer contingency plans should the worse happen or you have a simple power cut.

Questions you should be considering regarding mobility solutions for your school?

- Do you have a contingency plan should your main phones fail? Is it a seamless process using your school number, or do you need to notify parents of a different number?
- Are you complying with safeguarding policies and GDPR regulations if you are using personal mobiles to make out-of-hours or emergency calls?

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- If using personal mobiles, do you withhold your number, and how does this affect the recipient's likelihood of accepting the call? Or do you disclose your personal number and risk it being misused?
- What is your procedure for contacting your school or parents during residential and day trips? How does the school contact staff on the trip?
- Would you like to transfer calls between mobile users or to the school?
- Would call recording provide vital evidence of what was agreed between the teacher and a parent during a school trip – preventing a subsequent complaint?
- If an incident required all or some of SLT, how would you contact them, even if they were roaming across the site, without delay?



TO BOOK on the webinar: email holly.davy@dioceseofnorwich.org

2. Better Balance education – Kevin Lee

Kevin Lee is the founder of Better Balance Education. As a former Norfolk Headteacher himself, he knows only too well the pressures and isolation the job can bring. His work has a very strong focus on supporting the mental health of school leaders and those in positions of significant responsibility. Key to this is building open, honest and trusting relationships and everything he does is very much focused on the individual person. He works with both Primary and Secondary schools offering coaching, mentoring and DSL supervision amongst other things. Kevin has been invited to attend the next Leadership Forum on 30th November as an introduction to his work and what is on offer.

In the meantime, please do have a look at his website, www.betterbalanceeducation.co.uk or feel free to call Kevin on 07704667999.



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3. Raise Kids Work – Andy Jones

Raise Kids Work is a Christian Kids Ministry Charity based in Wymondham. They say “Our heart is to bring dynamic, relevant, and innovative Christian experiences to schools and churches in Norfolk and beyond. Our latest project is the Puzzle Pod. The Puzzle Pod is a portable Bible Based escape room for 8–11-year-olds. It brings the Bible to life in a fresh and interactive way. It is a fun and engaging, puzzle solving experience that teaches the Bible and is a great new RE resource for schools. Our first theme is based on the story of Joseph and helps reinforce values like resilience, teamwork, perseverance and forgiveness.”

The Puzzle Pod has been trialled with great success at Ashwicken VA Primary so please speak to them if you want an endorsement!

If you would like to find out more, please contact Andy Jones – Director of Operations. 07967 359875, andy@raisekidswork.org.uk



4. Teacher's 'Inset' Training for the Julian 650 exhibition – 7 September 2023



Teacher's 'Inset' Training for the Julian 650 exhibition

Thursday 7th September 3.00pm – 6.00pm

St Stephen's Church, Rampant Horse Street, Norwich

'FREE Training for Primary School teachers exploring the words and pictures of Julian of Norwich through art, R.E., and philosophy.'

An interesting and unusual approach to children's ideas on the sacred and relationship to God.

The aim of the session is to provide ways for teachers to discuss children's responses both to art and to the 'shewings' of Julian of Norwich.

We will introduce both practical Group sessions in using art to explore ideas and philosophical enquiry as an approach to children's learning.

Limited to 30 places.

Speakers

Dot Lenton, Philosophy for children

Dot has been involved with Philosophy for Children (P4C) for many years, working with children from inner-city primary schools as well as rural schools. She was head teacher in a small rural school, where she introduced P4C as a result of seeing the need for children to think for themselves. Her experience extends to working with teachers, governors and other adults. She was a consultant for the Primary Strategy for Norfolk Advisory Service. She is presently a Diocesan School Support Officer.

Lucy Care, Artist and exhibition organiser.

Lucy Care has worked as an artist and community arts project officer for many years. She has organised schools' arts projects most recently for the Bowthorpe Arts Foundation and is currently working on a pottery project with the Sainsbury Centre around the work of Julian Stair. 'Art, Death and the Afterlife.' She is organising the Julian exhibition 650, 'Love is the Meaning' for the Julian Partnership and the Friends of Julian. **Contact Lucy Care:** pastongriffin@gmail.com

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5. Horstead Centre – update 2023

Availability in 2023 - Spaces available from September onwards. This is a beautiful time to visit Horstead and is often popular with new year-groups; an early opportunity to bond, to succeed and to build resilience together. Between November and February, we can offer a very competitive **Winter Special rate**, currently at £112+VAT per child for any two-night residential booking which includes up to six activities of your choice!

Activity Day visits are also an option; with a 3 or 4-activity day costing only £30 and £35 respectively per child. (Exc. VAT)

Month	Rates per child (Exc. VAT) (Full board – 2 nights – 6 activities).	2023/24 Dates Available – (as of 08/06/2023)				
September	£129.50	6th-8th	11th-13th			
October	£129.50	2nd-4th	30th-1st			
November	£112.00 - <i>Winter Special</i>	6th-8th	20th-22nd	27th-1st		
December	£112.00 - <i>Winter Special</i>	All dates				
January	£112.00 - <i>Winter Special</i>	All dates				
February	£112.00 - <i>Winter Special</i>	5th-7th				

New Activities: We have begun work on some exciting new activities which will be available for 2024 and will, as always, be linked to national curriculum outcomes. **New Activities will include:**

Orienteering Geocaching (Map reading, navigation, and independent thinking)	+	Catapult Challenge (Pioneering) Teamwork, collaboration, and construction.	Environmental Art (Significantly improved with new equipment and a new outdoor classroom).
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New Booking system: We are working with *Anglian Internet* to design a bespoke digital booking system that will better suit our customers' needs. From 2024 onwards, all booked guests will have their own profile with instant access to all the necessary room plans, Ts and Cs, risk assessments etc. No separate forms, just all your info in one place. The system will also provide timely prompts when more information is required.

Will Mills - Horstead Centre Manager

For further details or to book, please visit their website: [Horstead Centre – Residential Stays & Activity Days](#)

