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Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the November 2023 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.

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Isaiah 40:3-5

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as Christians get ready to celebrate the coming (adventus) of Christ in his incarnation. They also look ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement. Advent is about HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE. Things that we desperately need to heal a world that is scarred by war, turmoil and loss right now.

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1. YMCA Sleep Easy





Each year YMCA Norfolk joins YMCAs across England and Wales to take part in a mammoth Sleep Easy fundraising event, raising vital funds to help tackle the root causes of youth homelessness. The Diocese of Norwich is partnering with the YMCA and resources will be available for schools early in 2024.

Since 2010, YMCA Sleep Easy has seen over 7,000 people sleep rough raising over £1.5 million for local YMCA services that assist young people in rebuilding their lives. From 7pm on Friday 8th March to 7am on Saturday 9th March, YMCA Norfolk is calling on supporters and fundraisers to join #SleepEasy2024.

Our very own Diocesan Director – Paul Dunning will be sleeping out along with Bishop Ian, Bishop of Thetford. We would love schools to become involved and the YMCA website has a host of ideas of how you can become involved:

www.ymcanorfolk.org/get-involved/sleep-easy-2024/

2. Norwich Cathedral Choristers





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3. Chanukah Virtual Broadcast for Primary Schools - The Jewish Museum



This **free** live-streamed event is for Primary schools on **13 December 2023 9.30-10.30am**.

Join the Jewish Museum Learning and Engagement Team for an exciting free live-streamed event in celebration of the Jewish festival of Chanukah! Tune in for storytelling, object exploration and a live candle lighting to celebrate the festival of Chanukah. To book your place use the link below:

https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/event/chanukah-virtual-broadcast-for-primary-schools/

4. RISE Theatre

RISE Theatre - a Christian theatre company are delighted to announce that they will be taking their interactive primary school day - '**God's Planet'** - on tour for the seventh time next spring - from January to March 2024.

They are running a special offer until the 30th November for all school bookings and a further discount for academy and group bookings which they hope makes the day accessible for even more schools.





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5.NPQS

NPQ Courses

The Diocese of Norwich is once again linking up with Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich to offer **Church of England NPQ courses from April 2024**. The courses are accredited and **fully funded** by the DfE. Small schools (up to 150 pupils) will even receive a **bursary of £800** from the DfE for each candidate who signs up.

All the courses being offered contain a blend of face to face and online sessions. A unique feature of the Church of England offer is that small group online coaching is also built in as part of the programme.

The National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) course will run from April 2024 to September 2025 with two highly experienced facilitators and coaches leading the programme – Richard Cranmer (CEO of St Benet's Multi Academy Trust) and Penny Sheppard (former headteacher of Queen's Hill Primary School and Managing Director of Valued Leadership Ltd). The 5 face to face days will take place in Norfolk. National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) - Foundation for Educational Leadership (cefel.org.uk)

The following courses, which last 12 months, are also being offered and face to face sessions on each course will take place in Suffolk:

- For school leaders who are, or are aspiring to be, a senior leader with cross-school responsibilities - <u>National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL)</u> -Foundation for Educational Leadership (cefel.org.uk)
- For teachers who have, or are aspiring to have, responsibilities for leading teaching
 in a subject, year group, key stage or phase <u>National Professional Qualification for Leading Teaching (NPQLT) Foundation for Educational Leadership (cefel.org.uk)</u>
- For teachers and leaders with responsibility for leading maths across a primary Key
 Stage or school National Professional Qualification for Leading primary
 mathematics (NPQLPM) Foundation for Educational Leadership (cefel.org.uk)

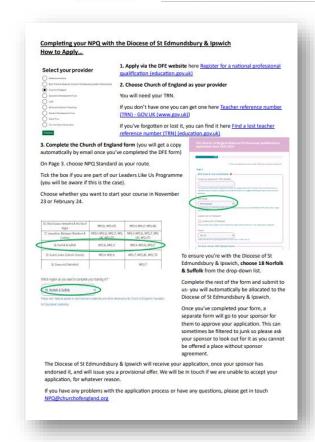
For details of how to apply, please see below and/or the attached leaflets from the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Spaces on each course are limited. For further information go to the CEFEL website - NPQs - Foundation For Educational Leadership (cefel.org.uk) or contact Neil Henery (neil.henery@dioceseofnorwich.org)

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6. Active RE Promotion

If you haven't experienced Active RE in your school, then read on and consider booking onto our training! The approach taken is to offer physically active exploration of Bible stories and key themes. Attendees will get the specially developed resources free – Lesson Plans, Active RE Games Booklet and Active RE Visual Aids. The course is led by Tim Henery, who created and developed the resource. It takes place in three school settings as this is active teacher training so wear your sports kit!

Cost: £95 (includes the complete resource of lessons, games and visual aids).

Follow link and select the appropriate date https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/schools/training/

Dates:	Venues:	Times:
23 January 2024	(West) Gayton CE Primary Academy, Kings Lynn	14.00 - 16:30
20 March 2024	(South) The Bishop's CE Primary Academy, Thetford	14.00 - 16:30
18 April 2024	(North) Horsford CE VA Primary School, Norwich	14.00 - 16:30

7. Considerations for Schools in Supporting Pupils and Staff at times of International Conflict

The Church of England Education Office has produced a handy document to provide helpful guidance on how our church school staff should support pupils at times of international crisis. It also provides guidance, reassurance and support for staff as well. The document can be accessed at:

https://winchester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Considerations for Schools During International Conflict Events October 2023 2.pdf

Please remember if you need any further advice to contact the Education Team here at the diocese.