



EAST ANGLIA DIOCESE SCHOOLS' NEWS

October 2015

Editor's Note

Dear colleagues,

I hope you returned rested and refreshed from the summer break. On behalf of all at the diocesan office I wish you a rewarding new academic year which, I am sure, is already hectic. Below you will find some reminders and other items of useful information. Remember, we want to share your news, so please tell us about special things happening in your school; anything we can celebrate or acknowledge together.

Please watch your email, we will not be sending separate hard copies. **Please remember to forward these Newsletters and those sent by the CES to your governors.** Send your news to paulrossi@east-angliadiocese.org.uk.

Senior Appointments

We congratulate Alex Savage on his appointment as Interim Headteacher at St Mary's, Lowestoft. Alex has been seconded from Notre Dame where he is Assistant Head; our thanks to Brian Conway and his governors for enabling this.

We also congratulate Joe McCrossan on his appointment as Executive Head at Sacred Heart, where Mark Cooper is now Head of School. Our thanks to them both and their governing bodies.

Retirements

Veronica Short Headteacher and Deputy Head Kate Marchant retired from St Mary's, Lowestoft, at the end of August. We thank them for all they have done for our young people over the years and wish them a long and happy retirement.

Schools Celebration

The event at the Cathedral on 2nd October was very successful and enjoyable. This was largely down to the way the children and young people responded and to the hard work of the school staff involved. The weather, of course, helped.

Diocesan Website

You may have noticed that this is in the process of being updated and has moved to www.rcdea.org.uk. We would welcome any suggestions you may have as to the content you would like to find there, especially in the 'Schools' section.

Courses and Conferences

Learning to Lead in a Church School

You should have received details of this 2-day course which is being held in February and March 2016 at both Ely and Chelmsford.

Diocesan Conferences

Primary RE Day -	Friday 6 th November 2015, Conference Centre, Poringland
Primary RE Day -	Friday 4 th March 2016, Conference Centre, Poringland
Primary RE Day -	Friday 1 st July 2016, Conference Centre, Poringland
Primary RE Day -	Friday 14 th October 2016, Conference Centre, Poringland
Headteachers -	Friday, 13 th November 2015, Conference Centre, Poringland
Deputies -	Friday, 27 th November 2015 Conference Centre, Poringland

Deputies Pilgrimage to Assisi - Thursday 9th June – Sunday 12th June 2016
Heads Pilgrimage to Rome - Thursday 23rd June - 25th or 26th June 2016
Secondary Heads of RE - Monday 25th January, 1.30 – 3.30pm St Alban's Ipswich

Buildings Update

Two major building projects have been completed this year and were opened by Bishop Alan during the first half of the Autumn Term. The first to be completed was a new block at St Edmunds in Bury St Edmunds, allowing the school to accommodate additional pupils as a result of the reorganisation of schools in this part of Suffolk. The second is at St Albans High School in Ipswich which provides additional sixth form accommodation to meet the demand for sixth form places at the school. The result is an 'industrial' design that provides a stepping stone between the high school and a further/higher education environment, whilst also meeting the available budget! Photos of the buildings will be available shortly on our website.

Other smaller projects have been or will shortly be completed in the Diocese, which should make a big difference to their schools. A playground resurfacing and drainage project began and finished this summer holiday at St Laurence to deal with the major pooling of water that made the playground inaccessible to pupils whenever there was a downpour. An early years external classroom area has been created at St Benet's in Beccles, whilst St Pancras and St Marks in Ipswich are having significant work done; the former to create a new group room extension and replace windows; and remodelling of the staff room, admin and reception areas at St Marks.

Finally, two major projects have recently started on site. St Augustines in Costessey is being expanded by a half form of entry to become a 315 place primary school, whilst St Martha's in Kings Lynn will double in size. Both projects are being funded through Norfolk County Council's basic need allocation, but are being managed by the Diocese – a good example of partnership working between the Diocese and a local authority.

Reminders

Section 48 Inspections

Please remember that Section 48 Inspections have now been decoupled from those of section 5 and that the Interim Monitoring Visits are NOT inspections.

Admissions Policies

If you intend consulting on changing your Admissions Policy in the New Year please send the draft to the Diocese by the end of November. ssc@east-angliadiocese.org.uk

Head and Deputy Head Posts.

Please inform Julie or Paul at the earliest date.

Teaching and Senior Support Posts for Diocesan Website

Please send us details of vacancies. ssc@east-angliadiocese.org.uk