



## RE CO-ORDINATORS' NEWSLETTER

### RE Co-ordinators Training Day

What a wonderful turn out it was this year and thank you to all who made the INSET Day. For those of you who were unable to attend there are packs of CAFOD's latest publications and these are available for you to collect at the Department for Schools Office at Alexander House—do call in and collect the free pack.

### HIA News

At the National Project meeting in November the reviewed sections were worked on. The working party produced materials they had been developing and it's going to be such an amazing document but the process takes time so no major changes will be made and finalised until 2010/11. Working on the document has proven to me what a strong programme of study HIA is—it fulfils all the Bishops' Conference requirements and the child is at the centre of its learning.



### Personal Relationships/Sex Education

The government will be issuing its new guidelines in 2009. While LAs are producing Sex Education Guidelines do refer these documents and our opinions on them when you review your guidelines. The Clifton Primary Adviser recommends the following documents:

'In the Beginning'

Charlie Saul

'All that I Am'

Birmingham Diocese

'A Journey in Love'

Sr Jude (Brentwood)

The 'All that I Am' document will not at present fulfil the governments requirements whereas the other two do. 'All that I Am' only covers years 5—7.

### Diocesan Certificate for RE (5 day modular course)

This will still be the recommended course from Clifton Diocese for Primary teachers without any Catholic certification or the CCRS. It is a hands on course, held during school time and there is no requirement to complete essays or out of course work. We have had a good uptake so far and there are still places available. Contact Jenny Fitzgerald on 0117 902 5593 to book a place. I will be leading this five day course again in 2009.

This year candidates were presented with their certificates by Bishop Declan at the Annual Diocesan Mass for all those involved in Catholic Education at Clifton Cathedral.

The past seven years have been wonderful for me and working with you and your schools has been a true privilege. My role will be advertised in January 2009 and until the new adviser is appointed. I will be available as an Associate to still offer you support. Some of you have already booked me. If you need any advice the Department will continue to offer it, so do not hesitate to contact them.

Some of you are new to your post and I wish you every success in your new role. Those of you who have travelled with me for the duration haven't we travelled and come far? I will miss all of you, the friendships and being able to improve the standards of teaching and learning in RE. You are doing a very special job and remember RE is the core subject in our Catholic schools. The high standards are evident in your Section 48 reports so well done and thank you all.

God Bless you all this Christmas. To say goodbye is difficult, so I truly hope we will see each other on other journeys.

Yours, Trisha

