

RE COORDINATORS' NEWSLETTER



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Dear Colleagues

Just a brief newsletter to keep in touch. As you know Trisha has retired after 7 years as Primary RE Adviser. She has popped in to the office and looks very rested and well. Pending her successor both Steve Riley and I are supporting the diocese in the interim period. Steve will be focusing on leadership succession and I will be supporting teaching and learning with most support being at a school level. It will be difficult to make contact with you all personally but can I emphasise should you need support as a school or cluster then please do not hesitate to contact me by leaving a message at the Diocesan Office or at my base school St Mary's in Bradley Stoke Bristol or e-mail colleen.collett@southglos.gov.uk or colleen.collett@cliftondiocese.com



Leadership & Management

Thank you to all those heads who responded to my e-mail and have given me names of potential leaders.

I am hoping to visit you very soon and have already made appointments with some colleagues.

Bath Spa University are now onboard and will be delivering training and aspiration raising in the summer term. Please watch this space.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the Heads I have spoken to for their support, enthusiasm and insight.

Steve Riley

ASSESSMENT

It should be remembered that the current 'Here I Am' record sheets do not align completely with the new level descriptors and that when giving a level it is to these descriptors you are referring. The key to effective assessment is to plan the assessment task at the beginning of the unit ensuring if levelling the work that it actually hits the descriptors. The 'Here I Am' record sheets provide an assessment for end of units and may only support the process.



SHARING OF PRACTICE

It would be great if we could share ideas or the names of good resources or websites to support the teaching of RE -so if you have anything you would like to share then please e-mail me at colleen.collett@cliftondiocese.com

If you have any examples of pupils' work or prayers we could publish in the newsletter or on the website please forward.

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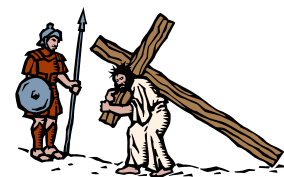
TEACHING AND LEARNIG IDEAS FOR CLASS/SCHOOL FOCUS

Display a large mirror in a prayer area and ask pupils to look into the mirror and reflect upon how they see themselves on the inside, the things they would like to change about themselves. They could write Lenten promises that could then surround the mirror.

Shrove Tuesday the day before Ash Wednesday could be a carnival day i.e. Mardi Gras, which is celebrated in many places around the world because it is the last day of celebration before lent, and the last of all the dairy foods were used up.

Choose an artist's picture depicting various images of Christ during lent to discuss or reflect upon. Display a different picture each week.

Ask such questions as what is happening, what do you think Jesus is saying, write a prayer that you would say in this position, Ask them to research the garden, where it is, display the actual scripture passage with it.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bath, Hilton Hotel	Module 3	Monday 2 March	9:00 am—3:30 pm
Bath, Hilton Hotel	Module 4	Monday 27 April	9:00 am—3:30 pm
Bath, Hilton Hotel	Module 5	Tuesday 28 April	9:00 am—3:30 pm
Alexander House	RE Coordinators Day	Wednesday 10 June	9:30 am—3:00 pm
Alexander House	RE Coordinators Day	Wednesday 17 June	9:30 am—3:00 pm
	Primary Leavers' Mass	Tuesday 16 June	11 am & 1:30 pm

Booking forms for RE Coordinators Day, together with Agenda, are enclosed with this newsletter.

REMEMBER

“He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass!”

Scott Nicholson

If you say you can, you can..

Never say you can't

Because God has no can't in his dictionary

So be positive as an image of God

For with Him all impossibilities are possible

