



Dear Co-ordinator,

Another school year has come to a close and a new one begins. So much has happened in Primary RE this year. The response to RE coordinators' days has been extremely good. Thank you to all you hard working coordinators for attending your meetings and helping to develop how we want our Catholic schools to progress in the Clifton Diocese. There were a few sad farewells to some long term coordinators who retired or changed subject leadership roles. Thank you for all your support and hard work. A warm welcome to new coordinators for Autumn 2005. I am here to help and support you so always ring me at the office (0117 9025593). Please note dates of co-ordinators' meetings for next term - it is very important that you attend your local meeting or any other if you can't make your nearest.

Here I Am News

2005-2006 Route B. Remember to discuss with Staff before you begin at the start of the Autumn Term 2005.

Assessment

All sheets on your discs - if you have mislaid or need more discs contact Jenny on 0117 9025593. There will be new Assessment Level Guidelines given out at next co-coordinators meeting this term. Do explore mind mapping techniques as discussed at the summer meetings—we can discuss this further at our next meeting. The dates for the Autumn Term Meetings are on this newsletter.

Please Note: Angela Warren from Cafod will be attending all the meetings with me.

Resources

There are a number of new resources available now from the Centre (Alexander House). If you need any of them or more copies do ring the office and we will dispatch them to you.

Resources Available:

- ⇒ *HIA for all four routes, ABCD, plus RE Planning Sheets and Assessment Sheets*
- ⇒ *Collective Worship for headteachers booklets (copy sent to every head during the year, free)*
- ⇒ *Pause for Reflection pack—a pack of Collective Worship displays and ideas on how to develop them. Available from the printers at Gloucester Diocese (telephone 01452 410022)*
- ⇒ *RE Display ideas on CD—£6 from office*
- ⇒ *RE and Extra Curricular ideas booklet— from office*

Service Level Agreement News

Every school is entitled to a half day visit during the school year. This time span runs from January to January. As I have 53 schools and 10 Independents, this is proving very busy for me but I have managed over half of my visits already and am taking bookings for next term now! I will contact you shortly to offer you a date. The visit can incorporate looking at any aspect of RE in your school—you can of course decide with your head teachers what topic you wish to cover and discuss this with me but some of the visits have included the following topics:

- ⇒ RE Self Evaluation Review
- ⇒ Scrutiny of Work
- ⇒ Monitoring and Evaluating the quality of teaching and learning

- ⇒ Developing a Mission Statement
- ⇒ Working with parents and governors on 'In the Beginning' Sex Education POS
- ⇒ Collective Worship in a Catholic School
- ⇒ RE Displays
- ⇒ The Mass/ Paraliturgical Services
- ⇒ Assessment
- ⇒ Role of RE Coordinator/developing the RE File

The list is endless but these will help you to decide what you wish the focus to be.

CAFOD



Angela Warren, Primary Director for CAFOD will be attending all coordinators' cluster meetings this term and this will be a 1/2 day training for you. The training will be to update on Diocesan notices and Angela will deliver a talk on the use of CAFOD materials in our schools, and what CAFOD are proposing for the Primary Sector during the rest of the Academic year. It is vital you attend the meetings this term—please see dates below. Please note Bristol and Somerset will share their half day at Alexander House. This is because Angela is coming to stay in the Diocese for a few days and I needed to join two cluster groups together—so please do attend.

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YEAR 6 LEAVERS' MASS: 1,760 pupils attended the Mass at Clifton Cathedral. This was an amazing response to a wonderful end of year celebration in our Diocese. A number of headteachers have requested that maybe some of our schools become more involved in the planning of the Mass choosing our own readings and music. This of course has historically always been planned by the Cathedral. I am going to discuss this with the Cathedral staff and propose a plan where schools will, in turn, share the planning over a cycle of years. My intention is to ask for support from each one and to discuss this at the beginning of next term, so that all details of the forthcoming Mass next June are sent to you in plenty of time. I am open to any suggestions and of course support.

OFSTED SECTION 23

As you are aware under the new framework, that is to be in place by Autumn 2005, Section 23 (an RE Inspection) is now to be known as Section 48. Mrs. Ann Fowler (Secondary Schools Adviser) and Jenny Fitzgerald are responsible for arranging the Inspections for our Schools. I offer a pre and post inspection visit to support the schools through the process. The self review document will be in place during this term and will be used by schools and inspectors under the new framework. The Diocesan Inspectors will be fully trained during the Autumn Term ready for future inspections.

In The Beginning

The Sex Education POS written by Charlie Saul of the Salford Diocese has been actively received by most schools. Charlie, myself and headteachers have presented this POS to our school governors, parents and staff. We have managed to purchase this programme for £200, a massive reduction. This is not a compulsory POS but a sound Catholic programme that is approved by Bishop Declan and myself. DO ring the office for details if you want to know more.

Website

Do log onto the website on <http://www.cliftondiocese.com> for details of what is current regarding our Department for Schools and Colleges. If you have any news about your school then ring Jenny on 0117 902 5593 and celebrate this by putting it onto our website.



RE MODULES

During the last academic year another group of teachers from all over the Diocese attended the five day Modular RE course. We were delighted to have in attendance Headteachers and teachers from Salisbury Diocese. This proved to be a great success and congratulations to all who attended for the full 5 days, thus gaining their certificate. As RE Coordinators may I remind you to check what qualifications your staff have for teaching RE in schools and be aware that the five day Modular course and the CCRS are available to promote the personal development of teachers in your school. The Modular course will be run again this coming new year on 13th / 14th March, 3rd May and 7th / 8th June 2006 at the same cost of £300. The course will be run at the Bath Menzies Hotel and is a 5 day release course. Invoices will be issued and can be paid in this or the next financial year.

NQT TRAINING DAY

11 October 2005

A day for all new teachers in our Catholic schools. The day will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Registration forms have been sent to schools. Cost: £25 including lunch.

Sacramental Preparation

If you are a parish catechist and take part in teaching and preparing children for receiving the Eucharist there is a new programme available called "Celebrate Together" written by Liverpool Diocese. It is excellent, having trialed it myself and is very reasonable. Ring Ronnie on 0117 902 5595 for more details.

Headteachers' Conference 29/30 September 2005

This year's conference will be held at the Menzies Waterside Hotel in Bath.

The key speaker is John Shea.

DATES FOR THIS YEAR

A calendar has been sent to your school informing you of all the courses our Department will be offering during the academic year 2005-2006. If I feel there is a need for an extra course during the year then I will of course respond to the needs of our schools.

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Please notify Jenny on 0117 9025593 with details of staff currently registered, attending or holding this qualification. This request has come from your Co-Directors. Please discuss with your head and forward the neces-

Cluster Meetings

15 November	Swindon	University Building
16 November	Trowbridge	St John's Hall
17 November	Gloucester	Hucclecote Centre
23 November	Bristol/ Somerset	Alexander House

All meetings commence at 12.30 p.m. with a light lunch and end at 3.30 p.m. approximately

Prayer

Giver of hope, as we come to the start of a new academic year,
We begin the term trusting that you will come to us in all circumstances
And make all things work for the fulfilment of your purposes.
We praise you for your wonderful works through Christ who has shown us the way.
Amen.