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# R.E. CO-ORDINATORS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Co-ordinator,

Happy New Year and may God bless all your work during 2005.

## **HIA News**

Prayer leaflets were sent to all schools during the Autumn Term and the Spring leaflets are enclosed with this newsletter.

All HIA planning, assessment sheets and parents' newsletters are available on your CD and the Diocesan Website under 'Department for Schools and Colleges, Primary'. You can now keep up to date with what is happening in our schools and the Diocese.

Mind Map on each topic? Have you used this idea yet? God's Story/CD Rom including 'Rejoice Music' selling well. Thank you to all co-ordinators who attended the course led by Ann White and myself. It was a great day with so many of you. If you missed the day you can order your copy of God's Story on CD Rom or the books from Outmarsh Books on 01225 792940.

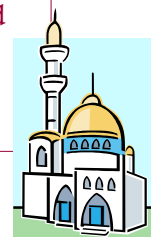
There was an error on the Spring Term assessment sheets—please go to our website for the revised sheets.

## **EPR Policy and Training Day**

**If you were unable to attend the EPR ½ day led by Charlie Saul, his programme of study can be ordered directly from him and he will also forward you the handouts and explain the rationale behind the programme. It is a very good programme of study that links well with HIA and if you are looking for a programme for your school do review this document. It is called "In the Beginning". Ring Jenny for further information. The response from the schools who attended the training either at Corsham or Alexander House, Bristol was very positive and will certainly bring the cost of buying this P.O.S down if you order it via the office: 0117 9025593**

## **Other Faiths Visit**

Read the review on the website. There was a fantastic response to this course and I'm sorry not all of you secured a place. It was an enlightening day and the course will be repeated in the future - so watch out for the flier.



## **COURSES**

**The Five-Day Modular Course will run on 3rd and 4th March, 25th April and 13th/14th June 2005. Have you booked yourself, Head Teacher or staff on this course if they do not possess the CCRS certificate? We are still moving to have this 5 Day Course accredited to a module in the CCRS course. As RE Co-ordinator I ask you to look at the needs of your school, at the staff that would benefit from this 5-day course, approved by Bishop Declan. The price is £300 and has been fixed at this rate for the last three years. It is held at the Hilton Hotel in Bath and is within walking distance from the train/bus stations. There is an underground car park. This venue has been chosen as a central area within easy reach to all in the Diocese. Book now—pay either this financial year or next. Ring Jenny on 0117 902 5593 for details and arrangements for payment.**

Courses cont....

**ICT & RE Twilight Course at St . Benedict's, Midsomer Norton. Date 11 January 2005  
4 - 5.30 p.m. Cost: Nil.**

Tea/Coffee provided. A chance to view ICT materials for RE and receive guidance on their practical use.

**RE4 Evaluation for Section 23 Training for Heads and RE Co-ordinators — 10 a.m.- 12.30 p.m.**

As from January 2005 the new Section 23 framework will be adopted by the Diocese. The inspectors of the Diocese have already received training in the new format and all heads and RE co-ordinators are invited to Alexander House on 27th January 2005 for half day training on using the RE Evaluation form.

**Governor Training and Appeals Panel Training 10/11 May 2005** — Please see the Directors' letter on the website a hard copy of which was sent to your school last December.

**Improving Boy's Achievement—led by Geof Hannan 14 March 2005 at Alexander House 9.15**

**a.m Cost £95** Geoff Hannan is a leading authority in gender issues. He has achieved international recognition for his training presentations and the strategies he has designed for improving boy's performance . His TV work includes "The Gender Game" (BBC2), Panorama "The Future is Female" and "Why Men Don't Iron" for Channel 4. Geoff has also published many books including "Improving Boy's Performance" published by Heinmann. Following the course Geoff offers the opportunity to e-mail him for ongoing support. To book a place please contact Jenny on 0117 902 5593.

**CJM Music 19th April 2005** — A flier will be sent out shortly with fuller details and booking form.

**CAFOD**

We have a new CAFOD representative in the South West Region - Liz Smith - who is willing to help and support you in the use of CAFOD resources in your school. Do ring her for further information on 01823 338903.

**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

Thank you for your support and the positive responses on the 'Pause for Reflection' cards. Schools are finding these cards very useful between the school classroom and church. Not ordered yours yet? Ring Gloucester 01452 410022 ext 247 for your pack for great Collective Worship display ideas.

**New Teachers** — A Yr 6 experienced teacher moved into Bristol this January with excellent references. Please contact Jenny for more information on 0117 902 5593.

**Service Level Agreement** - I will be contacting your school to arrange your annual half day visit entitlement, some schools have already booked. Please phone me if you wish to discuss your visit before I manage to contact you.

**New Year Message**

Friends and co-ordinators, I wish you all a wonderful 2005, and I thank you for all the hard work you so readily taken on each new term. I was delighted to visit some of you over the festive time, enjoying your concerts, plays and music and also celebrating Mass with so many of you. I thank you for your dedication in attending our full day cluster meeting and for your commitment to enrolling on the five day modular course—there are still places available.

I thank you also for the warm welcome you all give me as I visit your schools. Some of you are not so visible as others - I am here for you too - to support and help you develop the distinctive nature of your school. When I left my school 2½ years ago I had no idea how much I would learn to care for you all. I do not worry about 1 school now but all the primary schools. Bishop Declan asked me to be visible and at times to learn to say 'no' if I have to. I hope I have achieved the first task, I know I'm not very good at the second! May God bless you all and I look forward to working with you during this New Year.

*Trisha Antolik*