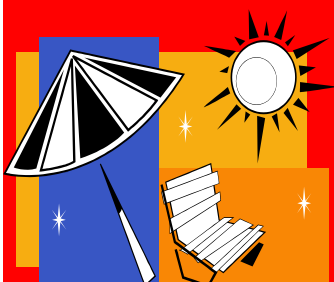


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DIOCESE OF CLIFTON DEPARTMENT FOR SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

R.E. CO-ORDINATORS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Coordinator,

Thank you to all Co-ordinators who attended the half day cluster meetings. The attendance was higher than ever. Please use the Co-ordinator's Audit Sheet I gave you and work through it during the year. The Action Plan is for your own targets, as you develop and monitor your subject each term. Share the Tracking of the Sacraments in Here I Am sheets with your staff as suggested.

Here I Am

All schools will receive a CD Rom with Routes A, B, C, D, Planning Assessments and Newsletters for the implementation of the programme. The disc will cost £10 and extra copies can be purchased from the Schools Department via Jenny Fitzgerald (tel: 0117 902 5593). All Coordinators will receive a days training on God's Story from Ann White during the Autumn Term. This will replace the half day cluster meeting. The course will help you develop this resource in the classroom and the use of the CD rom God's Story.

HIA Assessment

This is an ongoing subject for debate. The four routes A, B, C, D Assessment Sheets can be found on the CD rom and please remember to keep your evidence of levels to pass on to the children's' new teacher next term. There will be another one day course on Other Faiths—based in Bristol—where visits will be made to a Mosque, Temple and Synagogue. Hope you find the Prayer Sheets linked to each topic of use to you during the year.



Five Day Modular Course

Congratulations to the Heads, Deputies and teachers in the Diocese who successfully completed the course this year. Again it was a great success. The course will be repeated next year. It is recommended that Heads, Deputies and RE Coordinators and teachers who are not in possession of a CTC complete this course if they are not intending to complete the CCRS in the near future. **Next Course during Spring/Summer 2005**

Prayer

Lord God, I thank you for your gifts to me of skills, talents and abilities.

May I use them to the best of my ability and grow as the person you want me to be.

Amen

Section 23

There will be new guidelines in place during the Autumn Term. It is hoped that all schools will send a rep to one of the training courses that Ann Fowler and myself will run to help you understand the new changes and the move towards self evaluation (RE4) in the future.

Sex Education Policy

All schools have received the documentation (2 booklets). There will be a course on 9 November 2004 at Alexander House led by Mr. Charles Saul to help you implement a suggested scheme of work.

Independent Sector

All courses are open to all our schools and it is hoped that you will attend and support the work of our department by sending your staff to the courses and coordinator meetings.

ICT & RE

- A course will be set up during the Autumn Term.
- There will be a Twilight at St. Benedict's, Midsomer Norton from 3.45 - 6.00 p.m. on 5 October 2004.
- A full day course will be held during the Spring Term.

Retreat Weekend

During a hot weekend in June, 70 children and 8 staff from the BANES feeder schools celebrated a Spiritual Activity Weekend together. Reflections on the beach, Mass on the cliff tops, RE through Art, Dance and Music, Celebrating the awe and wonder of our abilities as we climbed, abseiled, shot arrows and enjoyed physical activities. A big thank you to St. Gregory's College for supporting our weekend and for the hard working Heads and staff who attended.

Success Criteria? The schools involved have decided to organise another retreat next year — are your schools interested in setting up or joining in this Primary Retreat Event? Contact me on 0117 902 5599.



Forthcoming Courses

Section 23	Introduction to new Section 23 framework for Clifton Diocese	11 October 2004	Alexander House	10:00 — 15:00
ICT/RE	Practical Workshop on using RE ICT skills	5 October 2004	St. Benedict's, Midsomer Norton	Twilight 15:45 — 17:30
Headteachers' Conference	Kevin Treston	13 October 2004	Menzies Hotel, Bath	09:00 — 15:30
Other Faiths	A visit to places of Worship of Other Faiths	t.b.a.	Meet at Alexander House	t.b.a.
Full Day Cluster Meeting	For all Re Coordinators to Review 'God's Story' as a resource and ICT discs in teaching HIA	Autumn Term	Alexander House	10:00 — 15:00
NQT	Welcome to Diocese	3 November 2004	Alexander House	10:00 — 15:00
HIA	Review—new to the Programme? This is a must for you	December 2004	Alexander House	10:00 — 15:00
Sex Education in a Catholic School	Introduction of PDS to help implement this subject from Foundation—Yr 6	9 November 2004	Alexander House	10:00 — 15:30