

Schools newsletter

February 2013

Four important reminders...



Dear Colleagues

My “Thought for the Day” this time is as mundane as can be, but still important. It is quite simply to urge you to respond straightaway to four invitations which are now on your computer, as follows:

- Book for one of Brian’s eight essential SIAMS briefings during February and March (pro forma on page 3 of this newsletter)
- Book yourself and governor colleagues into one of our three ‘Chadwick’ half day conferences on the future of Church schools very early in the Summer term. Please see my letter which was e-mailed to you last week (pro forma copied for ease of reference on page 5 of this newsletter)
- Book for Mike’s now legendary RE Conference on Tuesday 9th July (pro forma on page 6 of this newsletter)
- Sign and return to Eileen your commitment to the new ‘Partnering Agreement’ (formerly known as SLA); e-mailed to you last week with a letter from me (pro forma copied for ease of reference on page 7 of this newsletter)

Go on... do it now... you know it makes sense... before you forget... please.

And if you already have, then thank you!

With good wishes from me and from all the Team.

Jeremy Fitt

Head Teacher Recruitment

Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle

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It has occurred to me that one thing we are not very good at communicating is news about changes of Head Teacher in schools across our Diocesan families. I thought therefore that we would introduce a routine of letting you know via the newsletter when new appointments are made in our schools so that you know who is where. I hope this will be informative and helpful. Departures and new arrivals since September 2012 are as follows and an indication is also given of recruitment processes currently underway. By the time our next newsletter appears we should be able to fill in at least most of these blanks as well.

Jeremy Fitt

Name of School	Local Authority	Outgoing Head Teacher	New Head Teacher if Appointment Known	Start Date
Appointments - Confirmed				
Northumberland CE Academy, Ashington	N/A	Phil Hearne	Andrew Day	Sep-12
Easington Village CE Primary School, Peterlee	Durham	Carol Simpson	Andrea Swift	Sep-12
St Michael's CE First School, Alnwick	Northumberland	Sally Lamb	Debbie Boughen	Easter 12
Morpeth All Saints CE First School, Morpeth	Northumberland	Pauline Molloy	Kath Halliday	Sep-12
Newbrough CE First School, Hexham	Northumberland	Kath Halliday	Cath Newson	Oct-12
St Anne's CE Primary School, Bishop Auckland	Durham	Beth Atkinson	Lynne Sixsmith	Oct-12
St Aidan's CE Academy, Darlington	N/A	Alison Appleyard	Catherine McCoy	Jan-13
Jarrow Cross CE Primary School, Jarrow Cross	South Tyneside	Gill Dorn	Susan McBeth	Jan-13
St Paul's CE Primary School, Sunderland	Sunderland	Yvonne Gray	Natalie Fountain	Jan-13
St Bartholomew's CE Primary School, Longbenton	North Tyneside	Gillian Surtees	Richard Restall	Jan-13
St Peter's Elwick CE Primary/Hart Primary School	Hartlepool	Steve McDonnell	Jo Heaton	Apr-13
Appointments - Recruitment Process in place				
Cragside CE Primary School, Cramlington	Northumberland	Janice Craven		Sep-13
Tynemouth Christchurch CE Primary School	North Tyneside	Maureen Rowntree		Sep-13
St Oswald's Primary School, Hebburn	South Tyneside	Mike Falcus		Sep-13
Chollerton CE First School, Hexham	Northumberland	Sue Wildsmith		Jan-14
Greatham CE Primary School, Hartlepool	Hartlepool	Julie Tyerman		Apr/Sep-13
Holy Trinity Rosehill CE Primary School, Stockton	Stockton	Stuart Jones		Sep-13
Belford St Mary's CE Middle School, Northumberland	Northumberland	Lynne Brookes		Sep-13
Stanhope Barrington CE Primary School	Durham	Lynn Bainbridge		Sep-13

New SIAMS Evaluation Schedule and Inspection Arrangements from April 2013

The long-awaited new SIAMS Evaluation Schedule has now been published and documents can be accessed and downloaded via the following links:

<http://www.churchofengland.org/media/1585094/siamsinspectionframeworknovember2012.pdf>

<http://www.churchofengland.org/media/1585081/siamsevaluationschedulenovember2012.pdf>

The inspection process is now to be known as SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) The four questions inspectors have to answer are the same but are to be known as 'core' questions.

We are offering area briefing meetings for **Heads, Chairs and Ex-Officio Governors or another nominated Governor** (please see schedule provided)

Schools have been allocated a date and venue to help with the logistics of gathering everyone together, but if this is not suitable please feel free to attend one of the other sessions. Could you please complete the attached form and forward to Colleen Miller on the contact details below.

Please could I urge you to print off the inspection framework and inspection evaluation documents and bring them with you to the meetings? By accessing the currently available information colleagues can begin to grasp something of the new structure and begin to explore the implications.

If you have any problems accessing the links provided then please hold down the Ctrl Key and click on the link again

It is vital that your school is represented at one of the briefing sessions.

To reserve a place please *detach and return to: Mrs C Miller, Church House, St John's Terrace, North Shields, NE29 6HS*

Email: colleen.miller@drmnnewcanglican.org

New SIAMS Evaluation Schedule and Inspection Arrangements from April 2013

- Monday **11th February** 2013 — 6pm - 7.30pm St Michael's Church of England First School, **Alnwick**
- Tuesday **12th February** 2013 — 6pm - 7.30pm Ingleton Church of England Primary School, **Ingleton, Darlington**
- Wednesday **13th February** 2013 — 6pm - 7.30pm All Saints Church of England First School, **Morpeth**
- Thursday **14th February** 2013 — 5pm - 6.30pm Church House, **North Shields**
- Tuesday **26th February** 2013 — 6pm - 7.30pm Belmont Church of England Junior School, **Belmont, Durham**
- Wednesday **27th February** 2013 — 6pm - 7.30pm Humshaugh Church of England First School, **Humshaugh**
- Thursday **28th February** 2013 — 6pm - 7.30pm Whitburn Church of England Academy, **Whitburn, South Tyneside**
- Thursday **7th March** 2013 — 6pm - 7.30pm Priors Mill Church of England Primary School, **Billingham**

I would like to reserve _____ place (s) at the below briefing meeting.

School Name	Contact Name	Position	Date and venue you are attending
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____

Deaf Awareness week - May 2013



Signature, based in Durham, who have launched a Deaf Awareness course for organizations, colleges and schools (see below), are proposing a discounted rate for schools from now until Deaf Awareness week in May 2013. The expectation is that teachers find time in PHSE, lunchtime or any relevant class to run the awareness course across the school for teachers and students.

The commercial cost is normally £275 and this includes a full training guide, exercises, tests (simple tests to underpin the learning) and access to additional online resources. **This is now available to schools at the discounted price of £99** (Price goes back to £275 after the end of May) When you purchase, a promotion discount code will be sent to you.

The starter pack also includes 15 certificates of attendance (for staff who do the course) If additional certificates are required they are £5 each. We are aiming to raise awareness in every school. Why not take the lead and be the first in your Local Authority to be "Deaf aware". The purchase of the course gives you unlimited use of the materials for a year.

YOU WHAT?

WE SAID: 1 IN 6 PEOPLE IN THE UK ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING!

There are approximately 10 million deaf people in the UK. It is likely that you know at least one person who is deaf or hard of hearing, with statistics suggesting that every sixth person to walk into your school, college or workplace or you meet in the street will have some degree of hearing loss.

This Deaf Awareness Course has been designed to help individuals and entire organisations improve their understanding, awareness and communication skills with deaf people. The course offers immediate benefits to your staff and students and helps you meet your obligations under UK equality laws.

This cost effective high quality course will fit easily into your internal training programme and can be delivered onsite by your own staff. It can be delivered in three hours and is easy to follow, flexible, practical and fun. To find out more go to: www.getdeafaware.org.uk



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'Church Schools of the Future Review' Conferences

April 2013

Marriott Hotel, Metro Centre, Gateshead

Registration and refreshments: 09.00am

Conference Commences: 09.30am

Conference Concludes: 12.30pm



To reserve your places, please email, before half-term, Susie Taylor, PA to the Director of Education
Email: susie.taylor@drmnewcanglican.org / Telephone: 0191 270 4163

CHADWICK HALF DAY CONFERENCES

April 2013

Marriott Hotel, Metro Centre, Gateshead

Date 1: Thursday 18th April 2013

Date 2: Friday 19th April 2013

Date 3: Wednesday 24th April 2013

School Name	Delegate Name	Position	1st Choice Date	2nd Choice Date	Dietary Requirements
_____	1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Primary Conference 2013

‘Religious Education in the Primary School’

An inspirational Conference aimed at those schools and academies with pupils aged 4-14

The Marriott Hotel Gateshead, Tuesday 9th July 2013, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Cost is £70.00 per person including lunch

Following the success of last year’s Primary Conference we have again asked Lisa Fenton – Senior Advisor to Schools for the Diocese of Blackburn to facilitate our day. The focus this year will be on the launch of the new Diocesan Syllabus together with the provision of examples of Active Learning techniques which will inspire pupils in the classroom.

Lisa will bring resources with her which can be purchased and will enhance the delivery of RE in the classroom. We have also invited the Barnabas organisation and the NE Religious Learning Resources Centre to attend and they will bring resources which may be of interest.

We received excellent feedback from the 115 colleagues who attended last year’s event and we hope that all schools Aided, Controlled and Academies can send representatives. We would be pleased to see Headteachers, RE Coordinators, Governors and interested staff at the event.

Please find attached the booking form which must be completed in full and returned to Colleen Miller as soon as possible. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



To reserve a place please *detach and return to: Mrs C Miller, Church House, St John’s Terrace, North Shields, NE29 6HS*

Email: colleen.miller@drmnewcanglican.org

**Religious Education in the Primary School
Marriott Hotel, Gateshead -- Tuesday 9th July 2013**

I would like to reserve _____ place (s) on the 2013 Primary Conference

School Name	Contact Name	Position	Please note any dietary requirements
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____

Should you require an invoice? YES / NO

Payment of £70 per person must be made payable by 12th April 2013. Cheques should be made payable to: **NDEB**



10. MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

TO BE RETURNED TO THE JOINT EDUCATION TEAM

Partnership Agreement

School/Academy Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Email address:

Number of Pupils on roll as at **January 2013**

(excluding nursery and 6th form pupils)

We continue to seek to keep costs as low as possible and will do so into the future. This scheme remains highly subsidised by the Dioceses. Schools/Academies will be invoiced at start of the financial year.

Signed **Date**
Chair of Governors

Name: (in block capitals).....

Signed **Date**
Head Teacher

Name: (in block capitals).....

The Dioceses of Durham & Newcastle
Joint Education Team
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NE29 6HS
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Grief, Bereavement and Self-Harm workshops

Grief and loss affects us all and can be a difficult experience to come to terms with for ourselves, or to know how to respond to in others. In supporting children and young people who have been bereaved, adults can often feel at a loss as to how to understand the reactions of children and young people and to know what to say or what to do for the best in supporting them through their grief.

Up to 75% of schools in the UK are dealing with a bereavement in a pupil at any one time. It is estimated that 1 in 25 children have experienced the bereavement of a parent or sibling - this equates to approximately 1 child in every classroom.

This workshop aims to give you an understanding of loss and bereavement in the young and how best to support them through their grief. It will be a very interactive workshop giving you opportunities to explore any experiences of bereavement and any difficult issues that have arisen in your work in supporting children and young people.

Self Harm is an issue that is unfortunately quite common in young people and people who are vulnerable, have social issues and mental health diagnoses or who are just struggling with overwhelming emotions. This informative & participative workshop is to help you:

- ✦ To develop the awareness and understanding of this often misunderstood issue.
- ✦ To recognise that self-harm is usually a coping strategy which people may have developed as a way of expressing or relieving intense and overwhelming feelings and emotions.

To help carers and professionals working in a wide range of services, including health and mental health, education, youth work, drug & alcohol services, support services and counselling services, feel more confident in supporting those people who self-harm and where to get/refer to more specialised support.

Please find attached booking forms for one day workshops (10am to 4pm) in:

'Grief and Bereavement in Children and Young People' and 'Understanding & Supporting People who Self-Harm' to be held in the North East at the following venues:

'Grief and Bereavement in Children and Young People'

Friday 22nd February 2013 - NECA HQ, Clasper Way, Swalwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE16 3BE
ONLY 4 PLACES LEFT

Tuesday 11th June 2013 - The Development Centre, Your Homes Newcastle, Newburn Riverside, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 8NX

'Understanding & Supporting People who Self-Harm'

Wednesday 17th April 2013 - NECA HQ, Clasper Way, Swalwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE16 3BE
FULLY BOOKED

Thursday 27th June 2013 - The Development Centre, Your Homes Newcastle, Newburn Riverside, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 8NX

Cost per workshop is: £105 per person

Jill offers these courses across the North of England and in Scotland.
For details of all dates and venues please visit: www.jilleastham.co.uk

Jill also offers in-house training. Please contact Jill to discuss your organisational needs and for a quotation on costs.

Jill Eastham
Training & consultancy
in self-harm and related issues

'GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE' WORKSHOPS

BOOKING FORM

Friday 22 nd February 2013 – NECA HQ, Clasper Way, Swalwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE16 3BE	4 places left	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 11 th June 2013 – Your Homes Newcastle, Newburn Riverside, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 8NX		<input type="checkbox"/>

NAME:

JOB TITLE / SERVICE USER / CARER:

ORGANISATION:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE: **MOBILE:**

EMAIL:

Special needs (including diet):

COST: (to include lunch, refreshments & resource pack) **£105**

I enclose cheque for £..... (payable to Jill Eastham)

I would like to be invoiced Your Purchase Order No.....

Please Note: Places are not guaranteed until either a Purchase Order Number or Authority for payment of workshop fees or full payment is received.

For invoicing, please give details of whom & where to send to and whom has authorised the funding:

Confirmation of booking & venue location map will be sent on receipt of payment.
A minimum number of 10 participants is needed for the training to go ahead; all payments will be refunded if Jill has to cancel a workshop at 2 week's notice. A Refund of fees is only payable for Cancellations received at least 21 days before the workshop (less £20 administration costs)

Return to: Jill Eastham, Chestnut, 1 Fog Close Cottages, Kirkoswald, Cumbria, CA10 1JG

Tel: 01768 870824 Mobile: 07818 864271 info@jilleastham.co.uk www.jilleastham.co.uk

**TRAINING WORKSHOPS: 'UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING PEOPLE WHO SELF-HARM'
BOOKING FORM**

Wednesday 17 th April 2013 – NECA HQ, Clasper Way, Swalwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE16 3BE FULL	Tick box for venue <input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday 27 th June 2013 – Your Homes Newcastle, Newburn Riverside, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 8NX	<input type="checkbox"/>

NAME:

JOB TITLE / SERVICE USER / CARER:

ORGANISATION:
ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE: **MOBILE:**
EMAIL:

Special needs (including diet):

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The Big Pedal



The Big Pedal is a giant inter-school cycling competition spanning 15 school days between 28th February and 20th March 2013. It works a bit like the Tour de France – each day of the race is a new stage following a different Sustrans cycle route around the UK.

This is the **BIGGEST** bike event for schools in the UK and last year generated almost a million journeys by bike (and scooter), by nearly a thousand schools.

The more pupils, parents and staff who cycle or scoot to school, the quicker they complete a “virtual” race round the UK. It's **FREE TO ENTER** and there are some fantastic prizes, from bike storage to cycle stunt displays.

You can enter the whole three weeks, or just do one (or all) of the three stage races (there's a specific SEN stage too) With categories for different parts of the UK and for different-sized schools, there's a great chance to win a prize.

ENTER NOW at:

<http://sustrans-info.org.uk/6EB-14H5D-455PJRRDBE/cr.aspx>



The Big Pedal 2013 will run from 28th February to 20th March

More dates for your diary...



13th February - 'School and Church' Curates training day at Church House, North Shields, and in local schools

27th February - Global Christianity Primary Schools training session with Chris Hudson

28th February - Secondary RE Syllabus consultation with Helen Sage (Blackburn Diocese) and Natalie Chapman

1st May - School Chaplains training day at Church House, North Shields

11th, 12th & 13th June - Durham Diocese Primary Schools Leavers' Services at Durham Cathedral

19th June - Newcastle Diocese Primary Schools Leavers' Service at Newcastle Cathedral

For further information about the above events please contact Colleen Miller:
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