

**Diocese of Carlisle Board of Education**

**Heads Huddle Notes**

**Tuesday 12th January**

**Reflection:**

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**1 Corintheans 10: 10-13**

10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.



**Romans 8: 37-39**

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_H62gNjAYOs>

**Feedback from Headteachers: themes of the week**

**Collective Worship:**

Lovely uplifting story of collective worship from one school. More families are engaging with collective worship than they did during the last lockdown. Collective worship is providing a great daily opportunity to facilitate shared experiences for those pupils in school and those at home. Families are using their windows to share what they have done (prompted by collective worship follow up suggestions) with the local community.

**Parents’ frustration:**

Parents have “been there before”. They know how hard it is and this time, it isn’t the fun “once in a lifetime adventure” it was last time. They are finding it harder this time. They have had enough and don’t see an end date any time soon. Lots of parents are finding life challenging and needing reassurance and support from school leaders.

**Local authority:**

Headteachers are grateful for the support of the local authority and are grateful to know that they “have their backs”.

**Information sharing from the Diocese:**

**Teaching Islam training:**

Following last week’s announcement that this term’s training had had to be postponed, an alternative is offered below – see diary dates.

**Collective Worship Resources:**

Hannah Fishwick, Children and Families Minister for Ulverston and the Furness Deanery, who has been providing weekly collective worship videos will be beginning her maternity leave later this term. If your school does not have access to worship resources from your local church and you would like to receive recorded worship videos from another church during Hannah’s materntiy, please contact Charlotte (details below) who will ensure that you get a weekly act of collective worship for as long as the lockdown continues.

In case you missed it last week, Faith at Home have added new content for this term which can be found here:

[**https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/faith-home/i-am-school-leader#na**](https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/faith-home/i-am-school-leader#na)

**Thank you:**

We continue to be humbled, inspired and overwhelmed by the fantastic job each of you is doing in the most difficult of circumstances. We have heard some wonderful and uplifting stories over the last week. Don’t hesitate to get in touch if you have something positive (actually positive, not COVID positive!) you would like to share or if you need a listening ear. Remember to look after yourselves. Thank you.



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**Heads Huddles will continue**

**each Tuesday and Thursday at 3.45pm**

**Please join us when you can.**

[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85053449378?pwd=dDBUa3NKdXozVHJoeWxnUUNab2FKQT09**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85053449378?pwd=dDBUa3NKdXozVHJoeWxnUUNab2FKQT09)

**Invitation to FREE Islam training for Primary School RE Teachers**

**In lieu of the planned training course, Muslim Learner Services** will be holding a **FREE** two-hour live virtual Islam training session for Primary School RE leads / RE teachers who would like to develop their subject knowledge and confidence in teaching Islam to Primary pupils.

The course title is ***‘Teaching & Learning about the five pillars of Islam’*** and it is completely FREE including all training materials. I would be grateful if you would share this invitation with your RE Lead. It is an excellent opportunity for FREE Islam CPD!

There is one free place per school and places are limited - for more information about the course and to register a place on the free training course – please click [**here**](https://forms.zohopublic.com/imrankotwal11/form/EventRegistration/formperma/e30ZqrGkMnCNp_3jCqMRdID8BZCYJFoTQr4e6RZtcfs)

**Holocaust Memorial Day Resources**

**Wednesday 27th January 2021**

Thanks to generous funding support from the Marks Family Charitable Trust, the National Literacy Trust is teaming up with award-winning author Tom Palmer to produce free classroom resources to help schools commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day throughout the week beginning Monday 25 January 2021. Resources are suitable for use with pupils aged 9+. They include:

         A five-part instalment story

         An assembly film

         Supporting lesson plan and worksheets

         A live Q&A event with Tom Palmer.

The five-part story will be set in the present day about the visit of a Holocaust survivor to a UK school and how the children prepare and reflect on the experience. The survivor will be Yossi, one of the main characters from Tom’s book *After the War*, 75 years on from his liberation, age 91. The story will be from the point of view of the pupils and will be aimed at Y5 to Y8. It is not essential to have read *After the War*beforehand (but you can read Chapter 1 of the book for free here: <https://www.tompalmer.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/After-the-War_chapter-sample.pdf> . There is more about it here:

<https://tompalmer.co.uk/after-the-war/>

Further links for schools are available here:

<https://tompalmer.co.uk/holocaust-memorial-day-resources-and-competition/>

You can register your interest now:

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/programmes/sport-and-literacy/holocaust-memorial-story-tom-palmer/>

