

Diocese of Carlisle Board of Education

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Weekly Communication: 5th March 2021

Reflection:

*Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.*

*Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.*

*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.*



Prayer attributed to Sir Francis Drake

Feedback from Headteachers: themes of the week

Return to school on Monday 8th March:

Headteachers all agreed that they looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school. Staff are looking forward to no longer juggling remote and in-school learning. Parents are looking forward to no longer home schooling. Although anxiety does remain amongst Headteachers and staff, the feel and mindset is very different to January. Staff are wanting to make the best of it and there hasn't been union action in the same way.

We all agreed that it will be a big adjustment for staff – the flexibility afforded during this period (e.g. to attend appointments during the school day) will be lost.

We also recognised the adjustment (discussed last week) needed for pupils who have been at school throughout this period. They have settled into different routines and, in some cases, teaching groups. They will have to share their space with the rest of the school and settle into new patterns. For many pupils who have been in school all the time, there is a real sense of ending today. Some schools chose to mark this officially with parties. In all schools, these pupils will need to be supported through this transition period.

Concern about how parents will respond to the return to school was raised. It is important that they remain mindful that we are still in a national lockdown and act accordingly. Equally school staff may need support balancing the euphoria of pupils being back in school with the need to stay safe.

We were struck by how, as school staff, we are so used to working in terms and half terms that it feels strange to be making this change part way into a half term!

Lateral flow tests:

Twice weekly testing is available to households and bubbles of school pupils and staff. Information about who is entitled to a test and how to obtain a test can be found [here](#).

Summer term:

Headteachers are beginning to think about what may or may not be possible during the summer term, much of which will depend on the success of the government's 'roadmap' and the extent to which target dates for lifting of restrictions can be stuck to. In particular, whether residential might be possible was something we explored.

PHA Ofsted Meeting:

Colleagues who had attending the PHA Ofsted Meeting noted the following:

- Section 8 visits to schools graded RI or inadequate have been taking place since 25th January.
- They are narrow and specific (no deep dives).
- Headteachers have reported them as being collaborative.
- Although a judgement is made by inspectors, it is whether leaders are taking effective action in providing education (i.e. rather than how well pupils have responded to or how much progress they have been making). Inspectors are exploring how well the curriculum has been adapted to suit a remote environment (whether online or paper based).
- Although safeguarding is explored, inspectors acknowledge that there is only so much school leaders can do in a remote context.
- No inspections will take place next week (beginning 8th March).
- Inspections will resume in the week commencing 15th March.
- No formal designation (NFD) inspections can take place at any school and will be an on-site visit (usually following qualifying complaint or safeguarding issue).

Information sharing from the Diocese

Resumption of routine Ofsted and SIAMS Inspections:

Ofsted are still intending to resume routine section 5 inspections at some point during the summer term. Timing depends on scientific advice.

The legislation required to reinstate routine inspections must be laid before parliament for 3 weeks so we will have at least 3 weeks' notice before inspections restart.

The legislation to reinstate SIAMS inspections will be dealt with at the same time. It is therefore theoretically possible that SIAMS inspections could restart late in the summer term. However, at the time of writing, it is probable that (whilst some pilot inspections may take place in the summer term) routine SIAMS inspections will not restart until September.

However, timings are under constant review and nothing is certain yet. Please be assured that **as soon** as there is any concrete news, we will notify you.



Peer Support Network:

Thanks to Ruth Houston for running a taster session on Tuesday. Ruth's slides are attached. If you are not currently part of a network but would like to join one or find out a bit more, please do contact Ruth who would love to hear from you and welcome you to the network that would best suit you: ruth.houston@churchofengland.org



Reservoirs of Hope

Hope and Joy:

We always love hearing what you've all been up to and how you are keeping the hope and joy alive in your school communities. Here's what St Herbert's got up to at the end of last half term ...



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If you have anything you're happy to share, we'd love to receive it.



HUDDLES THIS HALF TERM

Tuesdays 3.45pm

Thursdays 1.30pm

Please note the new time on Thursdays

Do come along when you can

Tuesdays

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86821283299?pwd=UVhRZkVMeDZlTVNjZW5vaGZuaHJ6UT09&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 868 2128 3299 Passcode: 391687

Thursdays

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89631760793?pwd=SkVOZjE3bkZvd1EzbmdPb3htQTcyUT09&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 896 3176 0793 Passcode: 148024

Training, Courses and Events:

Our up-to-date Events Programme is attached. For further information or to book onto any of our courses, please contact: education@carlisle-diocese.org.uk



5	PILLARS OF ISLAM	
	SHAHADAH	Tessah that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah & Muhammad is His Messenger
	SALAH	Offering Salah (prayer) five times a day.
	ZAKAT	Paying the Zakat (giving alms or charity).
	HAJJ	Going to pilgrimage to the House of Allah at Makkah.
	FASTING	Fasting in the month of the Ramadan.

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Imran Kotwal from Muslim Learner Services is offering a (virtual) Teaching & Learning about the 5 Pillars of Islam CPD course for Primary RE Teachers. It's An excellent opportunity to develop Islam subject knowledge and teach Islam with confidence.

For more information about the course content, dates, times, fee and to book a place, please click [HERE](#)

Imran can be contacted directly by email for any questions/queries at Imran@muslimlearnerservices.org

Easter resources:



CPAS have designed a KS2 Easter Reflection Day for use in school and an Easter Garden activity for use at home.

Both are attached.

The Archbishop of York Youth Trust: Young Leaders Award



Free Twilight Webinars this March

Introduction to Character Education
With input from the Jubilee Centre for Character & Virtues

Wed 10th March & Tues 16th March 2021 4.00pm-4.40pm

Introduction to the Young Leaders Award, YLA

Primary KS1 & KS2

Tues 23rd March East Anglia 4.00pm-5.00pm

Wed 24th March All Regions 4.00pm-4.45pm

Thurs 25th March West Midlands 4.00pm-5.30pm

Secondary KS3

Tues 9th March & Thurs 18th March 4.00pm-4.40pm

Secondary KS4/+16

Thursday 11th March & Wed 17th March 4.00pm-4.40pm

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European Conference on Christian Education:

ECCE is a tri-annual gathering of Christian Educators across Europe. This year we should have been gathering for a week in Hungary – but for some reason that's been postponed. However, it does mean that there will be a free online taster for the event on 22nd April. Registration details are here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wellsprings-of-hope-registration-138244632417?ref=elink>

Those of us who have attended ECCE in the past have found it hugely enriching as we meet with colleagues across Europe and share our similar (and often quite different) experiences. Even though this is just a 2 hour taster, I'd encourage you to attend.

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