

Diocese of Carlisle Board of Education

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Weekly Communication: 7th May 2021

Reflection:



Submission, surrender & trust

Father, I surrender my front door key to You.
My house is Your home.
Bring whoever You want, whenever You want
into my private space.
I relinquish my schedule to You.
My days are in Your hands.
Help me to welcome interruptions
as gifts from you.
I surrender my possessions to You.
All I have belongs to You.
Help me to 'share with the Lord's people who are in need'

Feedback from Headteachers: themes of the week

We can't fix everything – we took a moment to remind ourselves that, however much we might like to, we can't fix everything by ourselves. This week's reflection theme - submission and surrender – reminded us that sometimes, the right answer is to ask for help, to reach out to others and for those people with faith, to pray!

Highs and lows: we shared our individual highs and lows - the enormity of the Headteacher role hitting home now that things feel a bit more 'normal', trying to get back on top of everything, worrying about others who aren't coping well, difficult staffing arrangements all featured in the 'lows' list this week. But we also celebrated the following 'highs': the fun things appearing in diaries, Swimming with Year 5, planning visits, trips, and residential and last, but by no means least, the satisfaction felt after a morning out of class resulting in a huge number of things ticked off the 'to do' list!

EYFS outdoor space HELP needed: one regular huddle attendee is looking for a company prepared to work with her school in the West. She has the funding and she just needs a firm who can help her to provide and imaginative inspiring and inspiring space within a reasonable time period (Cool Canvas has an 18 month waiting list!) If you have any suggestions, please do get in touch so we can send them on. Thank you.

Hope and Joy: sharing celebratory moments

We love hearing what you have been doing to bring Hope and Joy to your school and wider community.

This week, we're sharing a little joy of our own ...

Thanks to our amazing team member, Morven the 64, **YES 64**, schools who wanted them all have their **Thy Kingdom Come** prayer maps.

Over 4,000 Key Stage 2 pupils and their families' will be lit up with prayer which they will be spreading across the world. Amazing.



Wellbeing Corner:



Click for our full
Wellbeing Strategy

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place from 10th – 16th May, and provides a great opportunity for schools and further education settings to normalise the discussion of mental health and wellbeing amongst pupils and staff.

The theme for this year's week is 'nature'. Recent National Trust [research](#) found a link between feeling connected to nature and having improved wellbeing. To help schools celebrate the week, the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families have included some resources about nature and mental health in their Mental Health Awareness Week toolkit of resources.



It's important to keep the focus on mental health and wellbeing throughout the school year, beyond Mental Health Awareness Week, so also included are resources to help open up conversations about mental health in schools all year round.

Access the toolkits [here](#):

Collective Worship Resources:

Encountering the risen Jesus

*From sadness to hope
From fear to courage*

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Collective Worship Planning

The Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich have developed collective worship planning materials for this half term.



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<https://d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f214e41ab1e4/content/pages/documents/bubble-worship-planning-for-teachers-summer1-202132296847238.pdf>

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If you have developed or found collective worship resources which you would be happy to share with colleagues in other schools, please do get in touch. We know that high quality collective worship materials and inspiration for how to find awe and wonder whilst COVID restrictions remain in place is something many of you are grateful to receive.

Other information and resources:



**Picture
News**

Picture News is offering a free 4-week pilot for schools. Each Friday morning, you will receive a full Picture News pack which includes our poster with a big question, full pack of teaching resources and a short pre-recorded virtual assembly to watch with children.

If you'd like to be added to their list to receive the resources over the next four weeks, you can add your details here: <https://bit.ly/3grojGa>

The Big Ask launch



Dame Rachel De Souza, The Children's Commissioner for England, has launched the biggest ever consultation with children.

The survey will be live until Monday 19 May and asks children across England to set out their priorities for improving childhood post-Covid.

Children and young people can take part in the survey at thebigask.uk

The CSCP are asking people to promote the survey and encourage the children and young people they work with to take part and have their say.

If you are a teacher, or work with children and young people there are lots of [resources](#) to support you implementing the survey with them.

[Watch Rachel De Souza](#) introduce and explain the survey with the help of footballer Marcus Rashford.

[Find answers to common questions](#) about The Big Ask.

If you want to talk to the team behind the survey you can contact them at big.ask@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

Supporting Belonging and Believing in EYFS:



The Books at Press team has produced some free resources to support the requirements of the new EYFS Development Matters relating to RE.

[Development Matters 2020: Linking EYFS 2017 and 2020/21 Understanding the World to Religion and Worldviews Education \(England\)](#)

This document highlights the most relevant ELGs for Religious Education from both the EYFS 2017 and EYFS Early Adopter Framework. It then provides advice on implementing RE at the various stages of development in line with the Development Matters 2020 document.

[Curriculum Map for RE from Nursery to Year 2](#)

This map illustrates how the Books at Press and other resources can be used alongside a wealth of popular topics from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

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[Using the Accredited Puddles Resources with Understanding Christianity](#)

This detailed document shows how each of the Puddles books support the relevant units within Understanding Christianity.

Resources to support Community and Living Well Together:

“We have produced a series of resources for primary and secondary schools to help with this – through our ‘Faith at Home’ Series 2 which is entitled ‘Flourishing Together’, with collective worship/tutor programme films for all ages focusing on:

- Why do we belong together? (Community and Interdependence)
- How do we know we are loved? (Self-Esteem and Security)
- How do we get back on track? (Character and Renewal)
- How do we make sense of our feelings? (Mental Health and Wellbeing)
- How do we face our fears? (Anxiety and Failure)
- How can we have hope for tomorrow? (Faith and Confidence)

They’re all available at [I am a School Leader | The Church of England](#) and we’d commend them to you to support this work.” **Andy Wolfe**, Deputy Chief Education Officer.



Training, Courses and Events:

Please contact: education@carlisle-diocese.org.uk to book a place on any of our courses or events.

Further information is available [here](#)



HUDDLES THIS HALF TERM



Tuesdays 3.45pm
Thursdays 1.30pm

Do come along when you can

Tuesdays: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86821283299?pwd=UVhRZkVMdUJzTVNjZW5vaGZuaHJ6UT09&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

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If you have any questions about any of the information contained in this week's communication, don't hesitate to get in touch:

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