

Diocese of Carlisle Board of Education

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Weekly Communication: 9th September 2021

Reflection:

A Reflection for the Morning People

Psalm 143 verses 8 and 10:

“Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,
for I have put my trust in you.
Show me the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul...”

Teach me to do your will,
For you are my God;
May your good Spirit
lead me on level ground.”

[Let the Morning Bring - International Staff Songsters of The Salvation Army - Bing video](#)



And for the Night Owls

“May He support us all the day long,
Till the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then in His mercy, may he
give us a safe lodging
and holy rest,
and peace at last.” (St. John Henry Newman)

Heads Huddle

It was wonderful to welcome 24 school leaders to our first huddle of the year this week and to hear about how term has started for you all.

We were joined by some colleagues who are new to huddles as well as by some who are new to their role.

Thank you for all your contributions, energy and positive feedback.

Please do join us at 3.45pm on Tuesdays whenever you can make it.



Feedback from Headteachers: themes of the week

Good beginnings: we were delighted to hear that, for many of you, term has got off to a great start. Highlights included ...

- Being together again as a family
- Hearing children singing
- Reconnecting with colleagues
- Greeting parents, carers and families
- Seeing parents chatting to one another outside the school gate

Admin overload: we all agreed how easy it is to get bogged down with emails, admin and paperwork which stop us getting on with the important things (like teaching!)

Hope and Joy:



Vanessa was delighted to receive a special gift at the start of term, not in her role as Director of Education, but in her role as Mum to a Reception pupil at one of our schools.

The gift bag, lovingly put together by the Penrith Mothers Union, contained a small holding cross, a prayer, a biscuit and tea bag, and the all-important packet of tissues for the tears.

She was certainly filled with Hope and Joy.



Wellbeing Corner

“I Hope You Had a Lovely Holiday...?”



Click for our full
Wellbeing Strategy



The start of a brand new school year is full of promise and possibility; there are blank white pages in books waiting for experimental ideas to find their way into being and walls waiting to be filled with colourful captures of new learning. September is smart uniform, new shoes and fully labelled PE kit in correct bags leaving lost property baskets gloriously empty.

For many, staff and children, coming back to school means a slight pang for sunny days and later bed times but a readiness for settling into newness. However, for some, the return to school means bringing back into being worries that have been

pushed away for the six weeks or a battle with anxiety. Similarly, for some, the holidays will have been a hard and challenging time, and coming back to school means a return to safety and respite.

For leaders, the start of a brand new school year means understanding and navigating all of these. The Mentally Healthy Schools website have released a [Mental Health and Wellbeing Calendar for the Autumn Term 2021](#); it is full of ideas and assembly materials, it sets out key dates and events, and includes links to free resources. The calendar is a useful way to reflect on the term ahead and identify potential trigger points for your team, and reflect on where there may be potential for risk mitigation.

Inclusion Corner:



If you are a Facebook user, I cannot recommend highly enough joining the

RE Teachers in Cumbria Group



A great place for finding and sharing resources and asking questions.



SIAMS Update Summary

If you missed the briefing and want to ask any questions or find out more, please just get in touch.

- Inspections will restart in October (slowly between then and Christmas, whilst the new systems are all tried and tested, with catch up beginning in earnest in January 2022).
- Inspections will occur in a chronological order, starting with those schools which had already been notified of an inspection.
- No school can legally go more than 8 years without an inspection (this time).
- The usual 5 year inspection pattern will operate after this round of inspections.
- A list of **all** schools who will be inspected **this academic year** will be available within two weeks.
- A **Revised Evaluation Schedule** has been produced to reflect the current context (COVID, no data available etc).
- There are two versions of the Revised Evaluation Schedule – one 'clean' one and one which is annotated so that you can readily see the changes.
- There is a suite of other documents available (including Information for Schools and a COVID Protocol for inspections).
- You can find all the new documents here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/education-and-schools/church-schools-and-academies/siams-inspections>

A Fair Share



The Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal 2021



Women in the DRC are working hard to receive their fair share of the harvest. Join us in standing with them.



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Assembly Film Resources available here: <https://www.carlisediocese.org.uk/harvestappeal/>
Leaflet attached



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National Professional Qualifications (NPQs)

It's not too late to apply for (or to encourage a colleague to apply for) one of the new National Professional Qualifications before offered through the Church of England Education Office.

Available programmes:

- Leading Teaching
- Leading Behaviour and Culture
- Leading Teacher Development
- Senior Leadership
- Headship (*aspiring or new Headteachers*)
- Additional Support Offer (*Headteachers in their first 2 years who are completing or have completed NPQH*)
- Executive Leadership

**Application Deadline for
November 2021 start:**

25th September 2021

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<https://www.cefel.org.uk/npq/>



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On or before
Sunday 19 September 2021
2–3 hours of musical activity
ending with a celebration

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<https://www.rscm.org.uk/get-involved/international-chorister-day/>



NET ZERO CARBON SCHOOLS

Thursday 14th October 4-5pm [BOOK HERE](#)

This webinar is the second in a series created for Church of England school leaders and the wider school community. This session includes:

- an exploration of net zero project case studies,
- a demonstration of the energy footprint tool for schools, and
- how to host a 'mini COP'.

Speakers:

Alex Green (Ashden Climate Solutions and the 'Let's Go Zero' campaign for schools)

Matt Fulford (a consultant at Inspired Efficiency, who have carried out school energy audits)

Tom Wood (statistician at the Church of England)

Catherine Odell (Christian Aid).

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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