

Diocesan Schools' Newsletter

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A very warm welcome



I am delighted to have now taken up post as the new Diocesan Director of Education, following my appointment earlier in the year. It is a great honour and privilege to have been given this opportunity to further strengthen the work and partnership with our church schools across the Diocese of Chester, as we strive to ensure the very best outcomes for every child and young person in our care.

As we move forward, the Church of England vision for education, underpinned by the four elements of hope, community, respect and dignity will serve as an excellent basis for providing the distinctive, Christian education and the promotion of educational excellence and academic rigour that we strive to deliver for all. The vision provides a sound framework for working with others to build partnerships within the communities that we serve through our Church schools. This is something I wish to progress, seeing our schools as being at the heart of the mission and ministry of the Church of England.

There is much to celebrate across our church schools and despite some of the challenges that lie ahead, this is an exciting time as we look to shape church schools of the future, working in partnership to deliver a shared vision of excellence in education for our children and young people which is deeply Christian, with the promise by Jesus of 'life in all its fullness' at its heart. I look forward to continuing the conversation and working with you in the months and years ahead.

This is an abridged version of the welcome letter sent out to schools at the start of the school year. The full letter can be found on the Schools section of the Chester Diocese website

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Important Academy Information

As indicated in the previous bulletin we are aware that a number of conversations are now taking place regarding academy conversions and, in particular, Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs). As any conversion will require the agreement of the DBE it is very important that you let us know as soon as possible about any plans you may have for conversion. It is also important that governing bodies are aware that the Chester DBE has now agreed to follow the national guidance whereby voluntary aided schools will only be given agreement to join MATs that are set up on majority papers.

If you could contact sue.noakes@chester.anglican.org it would be appreciated.

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Constitution of Governing Bodies – new statutory guidance

The DFE has just published new statutory guidance regarding the constitution of governing bodies.

The main points to be aware of are:

- Schools are encouraged to have small governing bodies with relevant skills that can provide appropriate challenge and support to school leaders
- Governing bodies should ensure that they publish information about the role of a governor and the skills required for their governing body to help inform the electorate (either parents or staff) to help inform their choice
- The following information must be published in the school website in a readily accessible form (**which means it is on a webpage and does not need to be downloaded**)
 - Structure and remit of the governing body and its committees and the full names of each
 - Full names, date of appointment, term of office, date they stepped down, who appointed them
 - Relevant business and pecuniary interests (governance roles in educational institutions and material interests arising from relationships between governors or relationships between governors and staff)
 - Attendance record
 - **The same information must be published for associate members**
- The code of conduct should make it clear that this information must be provided and any refusal would be deemed a breach of this
- This information must also be published on Edubase
- Governing bodies must make appointing bodies (eg the DBE) of the skills and experience they require
- Governing bodies must apply for an enhanced criminal records check for any governor within 21 days of appointment
- **Elected governors may now be removed** (in exceptional circumstances where suspension is not deemed enough)
- The code of conduct is expected to detail the circumstances in which the governing body may suspend or remove a governor it should also state the process for appeals
- Instances where removal may be appropriate may include:
 - Repeated grounds for suspension
 - Serious misconduct
 - Repeated and serious incompetence
 - An undermining of British values
 - The actions of the governor are significantly detrimental to the effective operation of the governing body
- The removal procedure must include:
 - Confirmation by a resolution passed at a second meeting not less than 14 days after the first meeting
 - The removal of the governor as a specified agenda item for both meetings
 - Reasons given and governor concerned given the chance to respond
 - An appeals procedure
- The full document can be downloaded from [here](#)

Preventing & Tackling Bullying in Schools

In July 2017, the guidance: "Preventing and Tackling Bullying in Schools" was updated. This is non statutory advice to help schools take action to prevent and respond to bullying as part of their overall behaviour policy and should be read by all staff in schools. It should also be referred to within anti-bullying / behaviour policies.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-and-tackling-bullying>

Emotionally Healthy Schools Event (Cheshire East only)

Dear Colleagues

You will be aware, that the focus of both our diocesan Head teacher and the Deputy head and Senior Leaders' conferences for 2016-2017 was Mental Health and Well-being.

Subsequently, we have been pleased to attend the Emotionally Healthy schools' Working group which meets in Cheshire East and would like to draw your attention to the launch of the Emotionally Healthy Schools Launch at Wychwood Park in September.

Chris Penn our new Diocesan Director will be attending and, if you can make it, we will look forward to seeing as many members of our Cheshire East schools there as possible.

EARLY NOTICE - BOOK NOW

Emotionally Healthy Schools

LAUNCH EVENT

FOR CHESHIRE EAST

WHEN & WHERE
FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER, 9.00AM - 3.30PM
WYCHWOOD PARK HOTEL
WESTON, CREWE, CW2 5GP

RESEARCH EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT HALF OF ALL LIFETIME MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS DEVELOP BY THE AGE OF 14 AND AFFECT UP TO 1 IN 4 PEOPLE. EFFECTIVE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL COMPETENCIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH GREATER HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, AND BETTER ACHIEVEMENT. THE CULTURE, ETHOS AND ENVIRONMENT OF A SCHOOL INFLUENCES THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF PUPILS AND THEIR READINESS TO LEARN.

THE CHESHIRE EAST EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME AIMS TO SUPPORT EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS IN ADDRESSING THE EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES. THIS LAUNCH EVENT WILL ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO HAVE A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROGRAMME AND THE SUPPORT WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS.

THE DAY WILL EXPLORE THE EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN CHESHIRE EAST AND ALLOW PARTICIPANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN WORKSHOPS WITH COLLEAGUES LEADING THE PROGRAMME, INCLUDING CAMHS AND TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS.

THIS EVENT IS AIMED AT GOVERNORS / HEADS / SLT / PASTORAL / RAISING STANDARDS LEADERS FROM EARLY YEARS, PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND FURTHER EDUCATION PROVIDERS



PRESENTERS, WORKSHOPS & EXHIBITORS

CONFIRMED TO DATE:

CAMHS
TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS
KEITH SIMPSON - STRATEGIC LEAD
YOUNG ADVISORS
GATON 22
ACSEED
RESILIENCE DOUGHNUT
SUICIDE PREVENTION
CHESHIRE POLICE
CHESHIRE FIRE SERVICE
SCHOOL NURSES TEAM

TICKETS

£125

THIS TICKET GIVES ACCESS FOR YOUR SCHOOL TO;

- FULL DAY EVENT AND CONTACTS
- FULL TRAINING PACKAGE THROUGHOUT 2017/18
- NETWORK OPPORTUNITY WITH SCHOOL LEADS FOR EHS PROJECT
- SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE IN DEVELOPING YOUR WORK AROUND EMOTIONAL HEALTH
- CO-DELIVERY OF INTERVENTIONS FOR STUDENTS

TO PURCHASE TICKETS COMPLETE THE ATTACHED BOOKING FORM OR CONTACT
EHS@MIDDLEWICHHIGH.CHESHIRE.SCH.UK

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

Middle Leader Course

Dear Colleagues

As many of you are aware, Chester diocese, in conjunction with colleagues from our neighbouring North West Anglican dioceses run the extremely popular Christian Leadership Course.

In response to the ever increasing demand for courses on church school leadership, the North West dioceses, in conjunction with Liverpool Hope University, are pleased to offer a bespoke Middle Leaders' Course for colleagues in church schools.

As with the Christian Leadership Course, places will be limited.

Please click [here](#) for further details.

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Warning for Churches

It has come to our attention that two companies, DATA and CIS are contacting churches asking for payment for books on drug awareness, sexual health and cancer awareness that have purportedly been ordered by schools. Please be aware that this is a scam and the invoices should not be paid.

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SIAMS Update & Inspection Handbook

The Church of England Education Office is now in the final phases of reviewing the current inspection schedule. Schools are being identified to pilot the new schedule in the Autumn term. At the moment, it is hoped that the new schedule will be introduced in September 2018. Briefing sessions and training for schools, especially those due to be inspected in 2018-19, will be held once we have all the final details. Further information will be shared with schools as soon as it becomes available.

There is also a new SIAMs inspection handbook available and it can be downloaded from here <http://www.chester.anglican.org/content/pages/documents/1503395322.doc>

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Building Matters for VA Schools

CDBE/FC



Please be reminded that for all projects, including DFC, DFC ICT and Off Programme, which have been submitted by the school/governors for approval, a form CDBE/FC is required.

This form will advise us that a project has been completed, as well as confirming the final project cost.

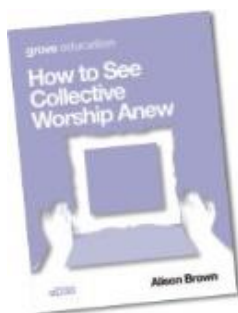
This form can be located on our website: Please click [here](#)

DFC ICT

Please remember that 3 independent comparative quotes should be obtained and submitted for DFC claims for IT equipment.

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Useful Booklets



Grove Books have an education series produced in partnership with the Association of Anglican Directors of Education that offer and promote Christian thinking rooted in practice for everyone involved in schools, colleges and churches. The latest publication is entitled 'How to See Collective Worship Anew'. Collective worship is a core practice of any church school community. As such it carries a particular power which is often overlooked. Collective worship all too easily can be little more than moral education: 'Be good...because Jesus says so.' 'Seeing Anew' helps schools to explore how effective they are at painting a picture of what life looks like if lived as God intended.

You can see a copy of the publication in the resource library at Church House. It, and others in the series, can be purchased (or downloaded) from [Grove's website](#) for £3.95.

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School Job Vacancy Form

There is now a new form that needs to be completed for any school vacancies.

If you would like to advertise any job vacancies please email [Sandra Reynolds](#) for a form.

Please be aware that we need plenty of notice before the closing dates of the vacancies



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RE Quality Mark



When schools achieve the REQM, please notify [Sandra Reynolds](#).

Congratulations to **Birkenhead Christ Church C of E Primary School** who received Gold in June 2017

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CPD & Training Programme 2017/18

This year's training programme has been structured to offer CPD opportunities for each level of teaching, from NQT to Senior Leaders and governor support. This is in addition to our usual standing courses.



Head teachers and Senior Leaders

Newly appointed Headteacher welcome		Click here for a booking form
Monday 9th October 12:30pm -3:30pm Church House, Daresbury	An opportunity for newly appointed church school head teachers and diocesan staff to meet together and share information about the available support in leading a church school within the diocese of Chester. Please note: a buffet lunch will be provided	FREE for Family of Schools members £25 for non-members
Diocesan Headteacher conference 2017/18		Click here for a booking form
Friday 17th November 9:15am -3:30pm Cranage Hall, Crewe	'Thriving, not surviving: the church school of the future'. The focus of this year's conference is emotionally and spiritually healthy schools. Keynote speakers: Chris Penn, newly appointed DDE of the Diocese of Chester. Chris will explore the leadership vision set out in the 'Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good' report, alongside featuring the work developing Spirituality from two Chester diocesan schools: one Primary and one Secondary. Keith Simpson, Head teacher of Middlewich High School and Chair of Cheshire East Emotionally healthy schools project, will share the ground breaking multi-disciplinary work of the Emotionally Healthy schools project	£100 for Family of Schools members £150 for non-members
Newly appointed Deputy Headteacher / Senior Leader welcome		Click here for a booking form
Thursday 19th October 12:30pm -3:30pm Church House, Daresbury	An opportunity for newly appointed church school deputy head teachers and Diocesan Board of Education staff to meet together and share information about the available support in leading a church school within the Diocese of Chester. Please note: a buffet lunch will be available	FREE for Family of Schools members £25 for non-members
Diocesan Deputy Headteacher / Senior Leader conference		Click here for a booking form
Tuesday 23rd January 9:15am -3:30pm Cranage Hall, Crewe	'The key to success is to keep growing in all areas of life – mental, emotional, spiritual as well as physical' In response to the 2016 report: 'Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good', we will be exploring how	£100 for Family of Schools members £150 for non-members

	we can 'sustain, renew and improve' our vision for leadership and develop Spirituality alongside emotional well-being in Church of England schools. The conference will provide practical examples of how this can be implemented in church schools.	
Preparing the SEF for a church school Click here for a booking form		
Wednesday 27th September Or Thursday 25th January Both events from 9am -3.30pm Church House, Daresbury	Practical advice and support in writing a SEF for a church of England school. The course will be led by our diocesan consultant and retired former HMI, Brian Padgett. Please be advised that numbers are limited for this course.	£100 for Family of Schools members £150 for non-members
Aspiring to lead in a church school Click here for a booking form		
Tuesday 13th February 9am -3.30pm Wrightington Hotel and Country Club Or Tuesday 6th March 9am -3.30pm at Cranage Hall	Explore and reflect upon distinctive Christian leadership. Listen to a church of England head teacher share their leadership journey. Gain some practical ideas for RE and worship within a leadership role and practical advice in applying for posts. This is a one day course with the offer of two venues across the diocese.	£100 for Family of Schools members £150 for non-members
Growing spirituality in a church school Click here for a booking form		
Friday 9th March 9.15am -3.30pm Foxhill Conference Centre Or Friday 15th June 9.15am -3.30pm Foxhill Conference Centre	"but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31) One day at Foxhill will provide the opportunity to reflect and explore ways to further develop spirituality when leading a Church School community	£100 for Family of Schools members £150 for non-members
Christian leadership course		
<p>The Christian Leadership Course is an innovative and exciting programme for aspiring leaders in Church of England schools. It was designed and is led by officers, advisers and professional colleagues from the five North West dioceses. We aim to develop a clear, coherent vision for the leadership of church schools and explore ways in which church schools can provide 'Life in all its fullness'. We also look to affirm the role of spiritual leadership in the school community and beyond. Due to the popularity of the course, the 2017-2018 course is full. We have opened a waiting list for the 2018-2019 course and beyond.</p> <p>Please email your name, school name and contact details to Sandra Reynolds as soon as possible. (sandra.reynolds@chester.anglican.org)</p>		

Middle Leaders

New North west dioceses middle leader course

Click [here](#) for more information

The Professional Qualification for Middle Leaders in Church Schools is a 5-day programme that has been specifically designed in collaboration with the five north west dioceses and Liverpool Hope University to support aspiring, and newly appointed, middle leaders working within a Christian school context. The programme will enable participants to explore and articulate their personal values and mission to have a better understanding of the distinctive mission and vision of Church of England schools and the role of middle leaders in these settings. It will provide participants with the opportunity to critically engage with leadership and management theories/research and how these relate to, and support, the understanding and development of personal leadership capabilities and practices.

Recently Qualified Teachers

RQT reflect and review on life in a church school

Click [here](#) for a booking form

Friday 12th January 8.30am -12.30pm Church House, Daresbury	An opportunity to meet together for an afternoon with colleagues from other diocesan church schools to discuss and share good practice, to explore the place of Christian values in a church school and the importance of teaching RE. Please note: a buffet lunch will be provided	£25 for Family of Schools members £50 for non-members
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Developing more effective practice in teaching Religious Education

17/11/17, 09/03/18, 15/06/18	3 Day Course - Please see below for all the details	Click here for a booking form
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Newly Qualified Teachers

Primary NQT welcome

Click [here](#) for a booking form

Monday 13th November 2017 9am -3.30pm at Church House, Daresbury AND Monday 20th November 2017 8.30am -3pm at Tarporley C of E Primary School	We look forward to welcoming our NQT colleagues to the Diocese of Chester and will explore: Christian values, quality RE and what working in a church school means. The two days are an integral part of the NQT course. As places are limited for the school-based day, it may be necessary to offer an alternative date. Early booking is recommended.	£100 for Family of Schools members £150 for non-members
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Secondary NQT welcome		Click here for a booking form
Thursday 23rd November 2pm -6pm (sandwich buffet tea will be available) Church House, Daresbury	We look forward to welcoming our secondary NQT colleagues to the Diocese of Chester and will explore what makes a church school distinctive: Christian values, ethos and what working in a church school means. The course will be co-delivered by Mr Paul McAleese, Deputy Headteacher of Sir Thomas Boteler C of E High School.	£25 for Family of Schools members £50 for non-members

Religious Education

Developing more effective practice in teaching Religious Education 3 Day Course		
Attend all 3 days Friday 17th November 9:30m -3pm Church House, Daresbury Friday 9th March 2018 9:30m -3pm Church House, Daresbury Friday 15th June 2018 9:30m -3pm Church House, Daresbury	This exciting three day CPD opportunity will be aimed at recently qualified teachers of Religious Education in primary schools, especially the non-specialist. Day 1 will involve professional input from diocesan consultants on good practice in the teaching of religious education and give delegates an opportunity to plan with experienced colleagues. Day 2 will provide opportunity to reflect on lessons taught and include further CPD input on creative classroom practice and on leading a staff meeting. Day 3 will involve a visit to diocesan schools to observe and see good practice in action. There will also be an opportunity to reflect and celebrate back at Church House later in the day.	Click here for a booking form £250 per person for the 3 days for Family of Schools members £300 per person for 3 days for non-members
Using the diocesan syllabus with the Understanding Christianity project 2 Day Course		
Friday 19th January 9.30am -3.30pm Church House, Daresbury & Friday 11th May 9.15am -12.30pm Church House, Daresbury Please be aware that the deadline for bookings or	Attend both days These two days will be helpful to delegates <i>who haven't previously attended</i> the Understanding Christianity resource training but delegates <i>who have attended the training</i> last year may find it helpful to revisit the material and to further consider how the resource can complement the Diocesan syllabus. Delegates must indicate on booking if they have already received the UC resource in earlier training so appropriate materials can be ordered if necessary.	Click here for a booking form £150 per person for Family of Schools members £200 per person for non-members NB There is a £50 reduction on the course

cancellations is 19/12/2017 as materials must be ordered a month before	NB Teachers who have previously attended the Understanding Christianity training may wish to attend to explore further links with the Diocesan syllabus.	cost for those who have attended the UC Training before.
World Religions Day		Click here for a booking form
Thursday 19th October Morning session 9.15am -12.15pm (Islam) Afternoon session 1pm -4pm (Hinduism) Church House, Daresbury	This day session is designed for the non-specialist who is interested in improving their knowledge and understanding of how to teach two major world religions. Delegates can choose to attend all day or alternatively attend either the morning (Islam) or afternoon session (Hinduism). The two sessions will involve an introduction to good practice in each world religion and consider how to teach them effectively in the primary school. There will be two invited guest speakers, Imran Kotwal (a popular Muslim teacher who runs workshops in schools) and Prajyoti from Pushpanjali Dance. A basic knowledge of these two world religions will be covered and there will be practical activities to show how RE can be taught creatively. Time will be given to look at curriculum planning and delegates will consider how to adapt ideas to the Diocesan and Locally Agreed Syllabus they may follow. There will be opportunities to raise questions and discuss ideas.	Full Day £150 per person for Family of Schools members £200 per person for non-members Half Day £75 per person for Family of Schools members £100 per person for non-members
Assessment and the diocesan syllabus		Click here for a booking form
Friday 8th June 9.30am -12.30pm Church House, Daresbury	This half day session is for any primary school teacher interested in improving their RE curriculum practice. The session will involve an introduction to good practice in 'RE and Assessment' based on a popular aspect of the RE syllabus. The activities will be based on the diocesan guidance for assessment written in summer 2017 but added to over the course of this academic year. Teachers will discuss how to put guidance into practice and develop their own ideas and there will be opportunity to share good practice and raise areas of concern.	£50 for Family of Schools members £75 for non-members

Diocesan Groups

Disadvantaged Group		Click here for a booking form
Tuesday 17th October 2017 9.30am -11.30am Christ the King RC/CE Primary School, Macclesfield	The Diocesan Disadvantaged Group is a cross-diocese forum that seeks to extend our knowledge and understanding of poverty and its impact on education. The group generally meets termly, often in one of our Church Schools. We share ideas and practice and look to involve ourselves in action research with partners, such as the Diocesan Committee for Social Responsibility and external partners such as University Departments of Education.	
Early Years Group		Click here for a booking form
Thursday 23rd November	The Diocesan EYFS group generally meets termly, often in one of our church schools. It is an opportunity to	

10am -12noon Church House, Daresbury	discuss current early year's issues and draw on good practice from 10 different Local Authorities, which are part of the Diocese of Chester. Newly qualified teachers and teachers new to early years are very welcome, as well as our more experienced practitioners.	
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Governance

Admissions for VA schools and academies		Click here for a booking form
29th September 2017 10am -12pm Church House, Daresbury	This is a training session for both governors and headteachers of voluntary aided schools and academies. The session will provide you with the most up to date information with regards to the admission process. It will ensure that schools are following the statutory requirements and help guide governors and headteachers through the process. As school places are being filled it is particularly important that the correct procedures are followed and if you haven't been oversubscribed before it would be a good idea to attend.	Free for Family of Schools members £50 for non-members
Being a governor in a church school		Click here for a booking form
6th October 2017 10am -12pm Church House, Daresbury	This is for new governors and experienced governors who would like to explore their role specifically in a church school. The session will look at the responsibilities of governors in a church school, how a church school should be distinctive and what can be done to ensure your school is an outstanding church school.	Free for Family of Schools members £50 for non-members

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Prayers

Please pray for:

All those returning to school in the new academic year

All staff and governors who are new in post

The following staff that have a place on the Christian Leadership Programme 2017-18:

Mrs Nic Badger Deputy Headteacher at Bunbury Aldersey C of E Primary School

Mr Gareth Coyne Deputy Headteacher at Huxley & Utkinton St Paul's C of E Primary School

Miss Lorna Pleavin Headteacher at Huxley & Utkinton St Paul's C of E Primary School

Mr Martin Flute Headteacher at Latchford St James' C of E Primary School

Mr Daryl McShane Assistant Headteacher at Marple All Saint's C of E Primary School

Mrs Claire McCann Deputy Headteacher at Thurstaston Dawpool C of E Primary School



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Staff News

A very warm welcome to the following:

New Headteachers' from September 2017 & January 2018:

Mr Donbavand at Bollington Cross C of E Primary School

Mr Darren Jones at Heswall St Peter's C of E Primary School (from January 2018)

Mrs Christine Wright at Hoylake Holy Trinity CE Primary School (from January 2018)

Mrs Joanne Powell at Lostock Gralam C of E Primary School

Mr Damien Stenson at Mobberley C of E Primary School

Miss Emma Drew at Overleigh St Mary's C of E Primary School

Mr Andy Ramsden at Oxton St Saviour's C of E Primary School

Mrs Polly Goodson at Sale St Anne's C of E Primary School

Mrs Kath Shephard to be Executive Headteacher at Shocklach Oviatt & Tushingham-with-Grindley C of E Primary Schools

Mrs Emma Connor at Wharton C of E Primary School (from September 2017 –December 2017)

Mrs Natalie Tomlinson at Wharton C of E Primary School (from January 2018)



New Deputy Headteacher from September 2017:

IMrs Anna Ruskin at Grappenhall St Wilfrid's C of E Primary School

Mr Gareth Coyne at Huxley C of E Primary School & Utkinton St Paul's C of E Primary School

New Arrival

Congratulation to Mrs Lucy Kirby Headteacher at Frodsham C of E Primary School on the arrival of her beautiful baby boy weighing over 8lb



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Inspections

Congratulations to the following schools

Section 48 outstanding/good

Bosley St. Mary's C of E Primary School

Great Budworth C of E Primary School

Holy Spirit RC/ C of E Primary School

Hoole C of E Primary School

Halton St Mary's C of E Primary School

Taxal & Fernilee C of E Primary School

Section S5 / S8 outstanding/good

Birkenhead Christ Church C of E Primary School

Tilston Parochial C of E Primary School

Mottram C of E Primary School

News from schools

Bollington Cross C of E Primary School

Class 5 Moses experience at St Oswald's Church



Bollington St John's C of E Primary School

Have once again started its highly successful Academy programme for the summer. Each year all the children get to choose an enrichment experience they would like to take part in, from a list of extracurricular options. They then attend the academy of their choice on Wednesday morning until the end of term. The last academy day is a huge celebration of all the children have learnt and a



chance for the school and children to thank the people in our community that took part. This year children have been able to choose from 15 Academies, including golf at Shrigley Hall, a Police Academy run by the PCSO's and a Photography Academy run by a professional photographer Mr Andy from Lumi Studios in Macclesfield.

While the Academies take place two students, who form the Journalism Academy photograph all the children in action and regularly update the school website.

Big Welcome

Year 1 to 6 were welcomed at St Oswald's Church recently to take part in a Moses Experience. The church was divided into many stations which highlighted the stages and important events in the life of Moses. The experience led the children from Moses' birth to his death with many interactive activities planned along the way. The children particularly enjoyed the Ten Plagues Song, and role playing the significant characters.



Science reward for Children

Pupils have been presented with a certificate for their involvement this year with the Tim Peake Primary Project. The school received a special certificate, and some individual children also received their own certificate which acknowledged their scientific contributions. The project started last year when the children were honoured with a visit from BBC2's Stargazing Live Prof Tim O'Brien, who came to launch the schools STEM Buzz Week. The school spent a week in November exploring enriching activities linked to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. During the week the children Trained like an Astronaut with their Space Ambassador Graeme Brock, built electronic arms to do space themed tasks, visited a planetarium which was in the school hall, created rockets, explored DNA, written space music and explored coding and how it is used on the ISS. These activities then continued all year.



However the highlight of the year's involvement was the visit from Prof O'Brien who talked to the children about space and spent an hour answering all their questions. He prepared a speech to include stars, galaxies, telescopes, Andean foxes, an antelope, penguins, a baby baboon and an alien.

Bosley St Mary's C of E Primary School

A summer term highlight has undoubtedly been the Rose Queen a fabulous sunny day with record crowds enjoying the parade, ceremony, country dancing, fell race and the fete on the school field. In the special church service that followed, everyone dedicated and sent the newly-crowned Rose Queen and King out on their year ahead as ambassadors for the school, parish and wider village community.

The KS1 topic and transition days have been rainforest-themed this term, including djembe drumming, a picnic of African food and fruit smoothies, a visit to Chester Zoo and a visiting workshop to meet meerkats, snakes, spiders and lizards face to face in school.



KS2 children have been time travelling through different periods of the school's history, including organising a Victorian school day and dressing as evacuees to visit local air raid shelters, as the schools fascinating log books and registers also describe how evacuees came from Manchester to Bosley National School at the outbreak of WWII.

The outgoing Ethos Group and School Council have helped to organise a den-building day for Save the Children and cake-selling to raise funds for a new minibus for the



Children of Romania orphanage (Congleton House) with which we have a link.

The Bosley School summer term ended with a Leavers' Service in church for the five Y6 children and two other leavers, and there were not many dry eyes.

Capenhurst C of E Primary School

Music Festival

On Wednesday 21st June, the whole school took part in an afternoon rehearsal and an evening performance at the Civic Hall in Ellesmere Port as part of Ignite's first Music Festival. All the children, from the youngest in Reception to the eldest in Year 6, sang with great enthusiasm both as a school and as part of the Ignite cluster of schools from the local area.



Engage for South Africa Football Skills

On Tuesday 27th June, the children took part in the Engage for South Africa project run by HQ Coaching Centre. The children received football skills coaching in exchange for donations of old kits and boots which will be flown to South Africa later this year. Those children who didn't have any old kits to donate, brought in a small monetary donation instead. In total we raised £66.43 for the project as well as donating several bags of old kits and boots. The money raised will be put towards sports equipment which will be purchased for the disadvantaged areas that the team works in. The community that our school is involved with is Mfuleni near Cape Town.



Ellesmere Port Christ Church C of E Primary School



Retiring from Shell Research in 1992 Bill Gadsby may have thought he was going to put his feet up and enjoy his retirement. He may not have put his feet up, but he has enjoyed his retirement here at the school working alongside 4 head teachers, numerous members of staff and hundreds and hundreds of children. Starting way back in September 1992 Bill went into school two mornings per week and began his first project with the children making 12 bird tables from wood donated by the parents. During the years his main focus has been design technology linked to the curriculum together with setting up a computer suite consisting of 12 desktop computers way before laptops were introduced. He has enjoyed helping at outdoor pursuits at the Conway Centre, Anglesey Outdoor Centre, Robin Hood Activity Centre and Colomendy Activity Centre. He is looking forward to his 26th year and his next project with the children.

Kingsley St John's C of E Primary School



Pupils recently joined pupils from Norley CE and Crowton CE Schools to complete a bespoke and commissioned art project for the NCK Centre in Norley.

Vicar Pete Rugen called on the trio of schools to work together to create some individual and unique canvas art to decorate the newly extended and refurbished NCK Centre, located behind Norley Church.

All Year 5 pupils from the three schools came together to carry out the project from start to finish in one day.

The children felt very proud, and privileged to be chosen to take part in the project, all agreeing that it was "fun" and "exciting."

Vicar Pete was certainly not let down by the children's efforts, their work showed maturity in their shared approach and teamwork.

Many of the children will frequent the NCK centre for either Messy Church, or Youth lub and will for many years to come enjoy seeing their hard work evident in the art pieces.



Sir Thomas Boteler C of E High School

Celebrated an excellent set of GCSE examination results. Even though there have been significant changes to the GCSE grading system and curriculum the students have managed to perform at a high level. This achievement is through commitment, hard work and dedication from all the students and staff. Everyone is very proud of all the Year 11 students.

There has been particular success in English and Maths, especially at a time of considerable change with the new 9-1 grading system and major successes in Biology at 96% A*-C, Chemistry 86% A*-C and Music 75%.

There has also been outstanding individual performances, but one in particular stands out and that is Head Girl Alice Davies who achieved a phenomenal set of results, achieving a Grade 9 in English, a Grade 9 in Maths and 7 A* grades. This set of results is as high as you could possibly achieve. Other successes are: Mollie Bennett who achieved a Grade 8 in English, Grade 9 in Maths and 7 A*-B grades; Madelane Foxall who achieved a Grade 8 in English, a Grade 8 in Maths and 7 A*-B grades.



Windle C of E Primary School



Had an explosive start to the summer term. On 3rd June, the pupils opened the Windle Fete with an outstanding performance of country dancing. The children set the scene for a fantastic day which raised money for the local community.

Braving the wind and rain seen earlier this month, the pupils also performed in their very own 'I Sing Pop' concert. After learning several songs linked to the Christian values of

guidance, friendship and love, the children sang their hearts out and blew away the audience, no wind needed. It was so nice to see children as young as four performing as confidently as pupils who were a lot older than them. The school's Enterprise Club also successfully sold homemade lemonade and peppermint creams on the new cart to the many people who came.

In the final half-term of the year, the focus was on the Christian value of trust. The pupils identified the people around them who they trust and can trust and why this is so. Trust is the very essence of our faith; trust in the God who is trustworthy. The pupils learnt that trust is essential to human life and lies at the heart of all relationships. That trust entails vulnerability, and putting yourself in others' hands.

The School Council ran a very impressive fundraising day last half-term to raise money for a Buddy Bench which will be placed in the school playground. There was lots of excitement when the children began to spread out their pennies in the playground and sheer delight when the friendship balloons were released. £235.63 was raised and the profits from our I Sing Pop concert raised the rest.

Woodchurch High School

The Art Department recently held their annual Primary Secondary Festival. Pupils from Fender Primary, Overchurch Junior, Woodchurch C of E Primary and Foxfield schools have been working alongside the Art teachers and Art Ambassadors to celebrate Art and Design within the Curriculum. Pupils created



their own personalised postage stamp that features their portrait and a mixture of mixed media printing techniques.

All postage stamps will feature in an exhibition in the Williamson Art Gallery. This is the first exhibition of the work within the Williamson Art Gallery and the work is also a response to Woodchurch High School's Christian values and individual values of the Primary schools involved.

The exhibition will also feature current work from pupils in Years 7, 8, and 9. Pupils' work will feature photography, graphics, painting, drawing, printing techniques, mixed media and collage.

Business & Enterprise Day

On Thursday 15th June 2017, 14 pupils from Years 9 and 10 attended a Business and Enterprise Day at Liverpool Football Club.

The day was held in the new main stand and included some fun and exciting business games/group activities, the idea of the activities were to try and develop the pupils' independent and creativity skills, as well as broadening their business and enterprise knowledge. A tour of the new stand was also included in the day, which many of the pupils really enjoyed.

The pupils were all excellent and a real credit to the school, well done.



Y5 Clay Workshop

Woodchurch C of E Primary School took part in a 2 day clay workshop at Woodchurch High School. Year 5 pupils were exploring Greek culture, in particular clay pots. With the help of the excellent Art Ambassadors, Mrs Sewell and Mrs Jones delivered a clay pot workshop along with various sketchbook activities so the pupils could develop their theme further. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience of working in the Art department whilst expanding their creative skills.



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Anti-bullying Days

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Highfield CP School

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Citizenship Days

We're offering a brand new Citizenship show 'The Golden Rule' plus accompanying workshops that fits in with Citizenship and PSHE as well as influencing pupils' behaviour as they think through real concepts to do with boundaries, rules and treating people with love & respect. Prices from £210. *"The amount they learnt in a day was amazing! The children didn't want it to end"*

Brayton Infant School

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