**DBE Newsletter –End of Term March 2022 (Term 4)**

**I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness.**

John 10:10

Colleagues

Some of you have told me that this term has been your trickiest throughout the pandemic.

The pressure of increased covid cases and other illnesses at both pupil and staff level has left you depleted of time and your energy reserves are low.

What’s more, the relentlessly depressing news of the terror in Ukraine, displaced Ukrainian families, war crime atrocities and the suffering of so many in Ukraine and neighbouring countries is shocking beyond belief – and we know it is hardly an isolated case of war across this world.

The fuel prices are soaring and families in need feel even more vulnerable and abandoned.

None of us, despite our very best intentions in offering prayers, practical help and financial support can mend our broken world. It is heart-breaking.

Never has an Easter break been more appreciated.

We each see and experience hardships from different points of view: a small lens into the lives of others.

While it may be at distance, we have had a prolonged period of suffering in Covid and War Hardship and pain is recognisable. Yet in the Easter story, told so powerfully from bystanders and the local communities of the time, we have the crucifixion before the resurrection, immense suffering before joy.

But hope is around the corner but we can’t necessarily sense it or see it. God is always with us, in pain and conflict, pleasure and peace.

He rose. So will we.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**New date for the DBE Conference: Friday 14 October 2022**

Recently we had to postpone the DBE conference on 18 March as the covid numbers in schools were such that many of you could not get out of school due to a lack of cover, or were suffering yourselves. We are delighted to have found a new date and have also changed to a new venue to avoid the difficulties of working in a school that may have additional safety measures in place because of the virus.

**DBE Annual Conference 2022**
**Being a Courageous Advocate – Learning to Dream BIG!**

**Date:** Friday October 14th

**Venue:**  HiIton Doubletree, Swindon, just off the M$ junction. Very convenient!

**Your booking**: we have moved all bookings to this new date so you do not need to rebook on if you were already booked. We will confirm this with you after Easter.

This is the one Annual Conference when we try to get our whole School/Church family together. So this includes Heads, Governors, and Parish Partners. Please get yourself booked on as soon as possible. We are hoping this can be face to face! But who knows?! Book to come whether we meet in person or online, more details nearer the time.

Exploring the theme of ‘*Educating for Hope and Aspiration’* we will be hearing from Jim Davis at the Children’s Society, the Global Neighbours programme, Archbishop of York’s award, Ugandan links, environmental projects and local schools and partner bodies about all sorts of ways to encourage you to stripe courageous advocacy through your curriculum.

**SIAMS (online)**

**Thurs 28 April 2022
9.30 – 12.30 pm or
4.30 – 7.30pm**

While initial registration is free, the training costs £50 per delegate (and £20 for a further delegate from the same school/parish)

To explore the requirement of the SIAMS evaluation schedule and help delegates get their schools ready for a SIAMS Inspection.

For more information and to book onto Eventbrite click on the link below:

[**SIAMS - what to expect Registration, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/siams-what-to-expect-registration-151939004653)

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**New to Headship Induction and Commissioning Service
(Face to Face @ Hillside House)**

 **Mon 16 May 2022** 9.00-3.30pm

**This course is aimed at headteachers newly appointed to a Church of England School and those aspiring to be a Headteacher.**

Register [**HERE**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-to-headship-induction-and-commissioning-service-registration-151807045961)

**Church-School Networks (online)**

 **Tues 17 May 2022** 9.14-10.45 am

An opportunity to spend time with colleagues in CE Schools and build the church school family.

Register [[**HERE**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/network-meeting-for-all-church-school-headteachers-and-parish-partners-registration-151800460263)](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/network-meeting-for-all-church-school-headteachers-and-parish-partners-registration-151800460263)

**The re-arranged training for Collective Worship**

**Collective Worship in a CofE School
(Face to Face @ Hillside House)**

 **Fri 7October 2022** 9.30-12.30pm

A time to reflect and focus on Collective Worship within your own school. An extended opportunity to consider your school’s priorities and key purposes for Collective Worship.

Detailed exploration of the new Church of England guidance for Collective Worship: ***‘Inclusive, Invitational and Inspirational’***

Register [**HERE**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/collective-worship-in-a-cofe-school-tickets-288539989877)



Remember we are all here for you.

*Liz and the Education Team*