

Newsletter – NOVEMBER 2023



Annual Return

Thank you to all the schools who have already completed and submitted their annual return.

If you have not yet done so, please do complete it at your earliest opportunity. The information you provide is useful to us as we seek to support our church school family and we are keen to share a summary report with you.

Partnership Agreement

Thank you to all those schools who have responded so far.

If you've not already done so, please do sign up. Details are on our website [HERE](#) and you can respond using the online form [HERE](#). Thank you for your support.



Carbon Net Zero

The Diocese is currently finalising its Net Zero Carbon Action Plan, a requirement of the Church of England's national routemap to net zero by 2030. The Church of England's [National Framework](#) recognises the importance of all schools and academies engaging with the Net Zero agenda; see link [HERE](#). How they do this may be very different depending on individual circumstance, but all schools and academies can do something about their ABC (Attitude, Behaviour and Culture). To understand where our schools are on this journey, the DBE will issue a short survey early next year. Please look out for this and complete it; the information gathered will be critical to our collective future planning.

Headteachers' Conference Thursday 25 April 2024

Our Headteachers' conference takes place at Chatsworth House, Bakewell, DE45 1PP

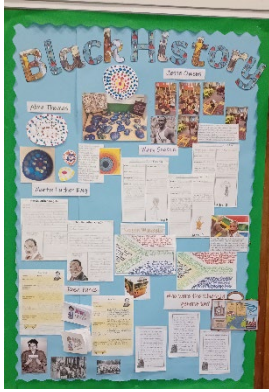


The conference will provide you with

- Time to reflect and take part in collective worship if you would like to
- Time to connect and meet with colleagues
- Time to hear from speakers about

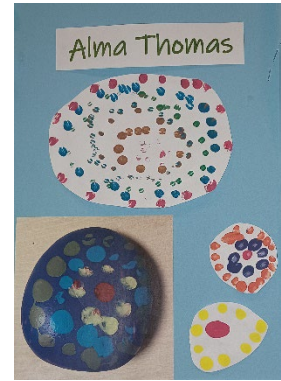
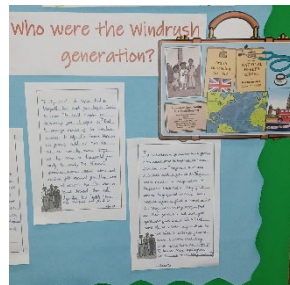
- Racial Justice from the Church of England Racial Justice Team
- Partnerships between schools and churches – Lucy Moore
- Fiona Moss from RE Today

£75 for schools in the Partnership Agreement, £95 for other schools. Book [HERE](#)



Black History Month

Thank you to the pupils at Coton-in-the-Elms for sending in examples of their work recognising Black History month 2023.



RISE Theatre CIC

RISE Theatre CIC is a professional Christian theatre company with a passion for delivering exciting, original, transformative theatre. It is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company, working with schools, churches, events and festivals across the UK with the aim of inspiring people of all ages to realise their full potential in life.



They are offering primary schools the opportunity to participate in their exciting interactive day 'God's Planet' from January - March 2024.

Each child will become part of the story, joining the character Kit on an exciting journey around planet earth - from the cold peaks of Antarctica, the depths of the sea, to the multicoloured rainforest and the never-ending awe of outer space!

This exciting and interactive day of performance and workshops for the whole school explores themes of the environment and climate change, God's love for each of us and how we can be better stewards for God's amazing planet! For more details, see their website [HERE](#).

Upcoming Briefings

Headteachers

10:30 Thursday 30 November

13:30-14:30 Monday 15 January

Governors (chairs, clerks, foundation governors)

19:00 Wednesday 29 November

19:00 Monday 15 January

Collective Worship

16:00 Tuesday 16 January

If you would like details, please contact [Liz](#)



Upcoming Training

[Understanding Christianity - Subject Knowledge Training](#)
with Fiona Moss from RE today. This programme is useful for teachers, subject leads, support staff and any member of staff who will be teaching or helping to deliver RE.



Gospel

Thursday 30 November 2023, 13:00 - 16:00

Virtual

God

Tuesday 23 April 2024, 13:00 - 16:00

Virtual

Fee per session: PA £40 / Non PA £85 each session (per participant)

Booking form [HERE](#)

[Understanding Christianity – Refresher Workshop](#)

This is an in-person event for any schools already using the Understanding Christianity resource. This is a useful session for any teachers who need a refresher, or an introduction [led by Fiona Moss from RE today](#).

Tuesday 21 May 2024, 09:30 - 15:00

Venue TBC

Fee: PA £80 / Non PA £120 Booking Form [HERE](#)

[Early Career Teachers](#)

This programme is essential for all new teachers. RE is often a subject that teachers feel less confident teaching and this programme of CPD will improve both RE subject knowledge and confidence. Timings have been carefully considered to try and allow staff to travel home for the virtual sessions.

Why RE? Knowledge rich, creative, thoughtful and rigorous RE

Wednesday 10 January 2024, 13:00 - 15:00 Virtual

Subject knowledge – teaching Islam and Christianity

Wednesday 17 April 2024, 16:00 - 18:00 Virtual

Fee for both sessions: PA £60 / Non PA £120 (per school)

Booking form [HERE](#)

[Help! New RE Coordinators](#)

This course is ideal for new subject leaders and will take place during 3 online sessions: 1 session in each term. This gives great support to a new subject leader in a community or a church school during their early days of leading the subject.

This course needs attendance at all three sessions.

Tuesday 28 November 2023, 13:00 - 16:30 Venue TBC

Tuesday 12 March 2024, 16:00 - 17:30 Virtual

Wednesday 03 July 2024, 16:00 - 17:30 Virtual

Fee for all 3 sessions: PA £95 / Non PA £135

Booking form [HERE](#)

**Do remember to visit our [website](#) for lots of useful information and guidance.
Previous newsletters can be viewed [here](#).**



Board of Education

Christmas Card Competition 2023



The winning entry will be used for Derby DBE's official Christmas card for 2023 and be sent out far and wide throughout the country!
The winning pupil will also receive a £10 book token.

Entries can be hand drawn, painted or electronically produced & should be either A4 or A5 in size

Please remember to include the pupil's name and the school's name!

CLOSING DATE 16:00 on Friday 24 November

Entries can be scanned & emailed to officeDBE@derby.anglican.org or posted to Derby DBE, Derby Church House, Full Street, Derby DE1 3DR