



The A & B Newsletter for RE Subject Leaders and Heads of Department

## Welcome to ABlaze!

Welcome to the first edition of *ABlaze*, the RE Newsletter from the Diocesan Education Service, keeping you up to date with news, resources and training.

### New Website!

We are delighted to announce the launching of the new Diocesan Education Service website.

The new web address is:

[www.abeducationsservice.org.uk](http://www.abeducationsservice.org.uk)

On it you will find, for example, links to Come and See planning and assessment resources, information about courses and resources to support you in your role as RE Coordinators.

As we move forward, schools will be invited to contribute resource ideas so that we can use the website to share examples of best practice in our schools. All very exciting!



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## Come and See Moderation

Spring Term 2015 sees the first of our regional moderation meetings for Come and See. RE Coordinators are invited to one of the following cluster meetings to support Subject Leaders in developing levelling and assessment practice in their schools.

21/01/15 - St Thomas of Canterbury, Guildford

22/01/15 - St Catherines', Littlehampton

28/01/15 - Cottesmore St Mary, Hove

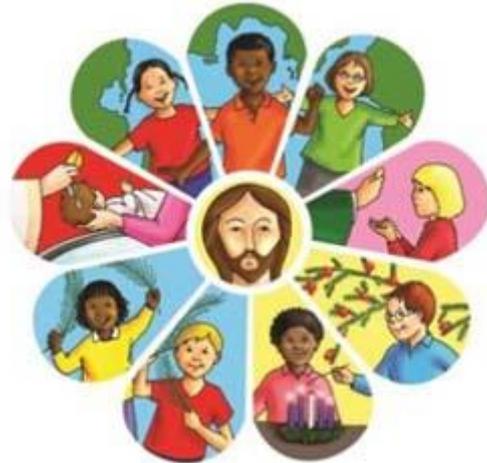
29/01/15 - Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Crawley

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## Rainbows

The Rainbows programmes are designed to help and support children and young adults who are grieving the loss of a parent or guardian due to death, divorce, deployment, or trauma. Rainbows' trained facilitators establish peer support groups in schools in order to work with children / students to:

- Reduce emotional pain and suffering



All meetings will begin at 3.00 pm and finish by 5.30 pm. RE Coordinators are asked to bring along one piece of levelled work for each year group from the Autumn assessed topic.



Thank you to those schools who held Rainbows training in the Autumn Term – it was wonderful to see this

- Alleviate depression and anxiety
- Improve school attendance and academic performance
- Develop and strengthen problem-solving skills and appropriate behaviour and anger management
- Improve communication in their families
- Prevent destructive behaviour

programme being planned for and delivered so well in our schools; the benefits to the well-being of our children / students is amazing.

If you would like to learn more about the Rainbows programme, or find out where Spring term training for Rainbows is taking place, please contact: Ann Baldwin at the Catholic Education Service at DABCEC.



## Diocesan Jubilee on 5 July 2015

In July, the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee by holding a Diocesan Festival at the Amex Stadium in Brighton on Sunday 5 July 2015.

Please watch out for the Jubilee pack that will be arriving at schools shortly, highlighting how schools can contribute to, and participate in, the Festival. Watch this space!