



Welcome to ABlaze!

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



The image of the Divine Mercy as Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina Kowalska in 1931

New Website

We are delighted to announce that our new Website, with a few updates, is now up and running smoothly.

The new web address is:

www.abeducationsservice.org.uk

Courses

On the website you will find information about a wide range of courses with outlines and objectives for each course offered.

All courses can be booked on line, where notification of your booking is sent to you via email.



Additional Training

During the year, we are pleased to offer additional training sessions as the need arises and schools will be notified via the website and in separate communications.

Primary RE Adviser

This term we have welcomed our new Primary RE Adviser, Sarah Feist.

Sarah has been made very welcome to the Diocese; she has enjoyed meeting our Headteachers at their Retreat Day and is now making her way round our schools to support with the teaching and learning of RE and Catholic Ethos.

Holy Year of Mercy

Preparations for the Holy Year of Mercy are well under way. Our Headteachers, Deputy Heads and Assistant Heads, Governors, RE Coordinators and NQTs have all been introduced to the aims and objectives of the Holy Year of Mercy in our Diocese.

There is now a PowerPoint explaining the Holy Year of Mercy on our website, under RE resources, which could be used to inform other members of staff and parents. By the end of November there will be materials that can be used to launch the Holy Year of Mercy in assembly for FS/KS1, KS2 & Secondary schools. Alongside these materials we will be adding resources that could help integrate the message of the Holy Year of Mercy;

'Be merciful just as your father is merciful'
into RE lessons, assemblies and school newsletters throughout the year.

The Farmington Institute

Have you ever considered undertaking research into Religious Education or Values Education?



If you have completed at least two years in your present post then you are eligible to apply for a Farmington Scholarship.

The Farmington Institute Is offering Scholarships to Headteachers, teachers of RE in UK secondary schools, primary school RE Coordinators or other primary school teachers involved in teaching RE and teachers of children with Special Educational Needs who are involved with RE.

These Scholarships are financed by the Farmington Trust.

Scholars are free to study any aspect of Religious Education they wish but preference will be given to applicants whose work can be seen to be of direct value to the teaching of RE in schools.

The institute website will give you more details about what types of Scholarships are available, who is eligible, what subjects can be studied, how much it will cost, what is required of the Scholars and how to download an application form.

The closing date for applications for the academic year 2016/2017 is 25 January 2016.

Further information about the Farmington Institute, its Scholarships and the work of previous Scholars can also be found on the website.

www.farmington.ac.uk

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Come & See Information



The website is now fully charged with everything you need for the Autumn

Term 2015, recognisable by the *Come and See* flower as above. This section will soon be updated with everything you will need for Spring 2016. You will find planning sheets, respond booklets, acts of worship, letters to parents and revised 'I can' statements. There are also topic webs for Years 4, 5 & 6 to assist with using multiple sources when planning for the 'Reveal' section of *Come and See*.

Alongside these resources is the newly revised, three year planner for Come and See formal assessments. The formal assessment theme for this term is Christian Living; the Advent/Christmas Topic.

The suggested assessment materials are also in the assessment section. These activities are there so that pupils can show how and if, they have met the learning outcomes of the topic. Assessments should then be marked against the attainment levels using the driver words to support the level the pupil is working within and a best fit level given to each pupil.

These assessments should be moderated in school and at deanery level if possible, to ensure continuity and accurate levelling. They are not intended to be the only source of evidence but are a valuable resource to form part of a 'wider picture'.

If you require any support or further guidance regarding delivery of these tasks please do not hesitate to contact the Primary Adviser, Sarah Feist sarah.feist@dabnet.org

RE Resources on the Website

Keep checking our new website

www.abeducationsservice.org.uk as we are constantly adding new materials to support you with delivering RE in your schools. You will find them in RE Resources.

New things added this term:

- Section 48 documents
- *Come & See* assessment materials
- Revised 'I can' statements
- A guide to *Lectio Divina*
- Weekly *Lectio Divina* texts
- Year of Mercy information PowerPoint
- Symbols to use in a visual timetable for collective worship/liturgy

Please contact Sarah Feist if there are any other helpful resources that could be added to this section, so that we can share the good practice already going on in our schools with other colleagues. Many thanks to David Purcell for his symbols to support a visual timetable for collective worship /liturgy.

Rainbows



Rainbows is a non-profit international organisation, offering training and programmes for establishing peer support groups in schools and other communities.

Rainbows was created to provide children, adolescents and adults with an opportunity for healing to take place after a painful loss; whether it is a death, divorce, separation or abandonment, this loss can cause grief that is

debilitating and even destructive if not dealt with appropriately.

The impact of Rainbows' programmes for children and young people grieving the loss of a significant person in their lives is tremendously positive. Across the country, there are now around seven hundred schools using Rainbows.

Would you like to be a Rainbows' school?

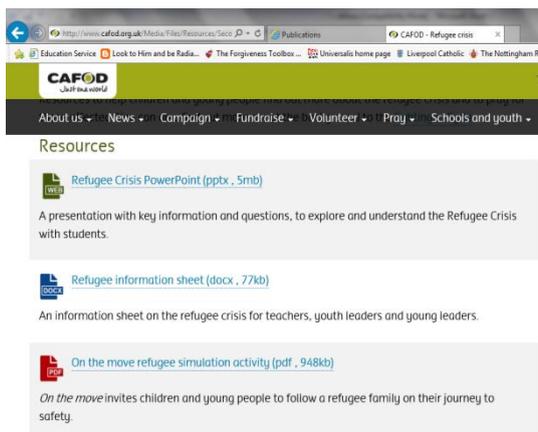
If so, then book a place on the training taking place at DABCEC on **Tuesday 17th November**.

If you are already a Rainbows' school and would like a refresher for existing trained staff or for new members of staff in your school, please book onto the training at DABCEC on the afternoon of **Tuesday 24th November**.

For both training dates contact Ann Baldwin at DABCEC on **01293 511130**

Refugee Crisis in Europe

It is important, especially in this Year of Mercy, that we all understand what we can do to support the plight of refugees. CAFOD have some wonderful resources to use in schools. There is a PowerPoint, simulation game and information sheet with key information and questions to explore and understand the refugee crisis in Europe with children and young people.



The screenshot shows the CAFOD website with a navigation menu and a 'Resources' section. The resources listed are:

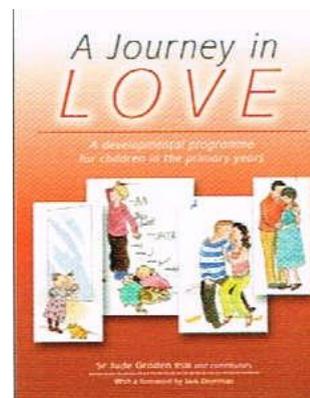
- Refugee Crisis PowerPoint (pptx, 5mb)**: A presentation with key information and questions, to explore and understand the Refugee Crisis with students.
- Refugee information sheet (docx, 77kb)**: An information sheet on the refugee crisis for teachers, youth leaders and young leaders.
- On the move refugee simulation activity (pdf, 948kb)**: On the move invites children and young people to follow a refugee family on their journey to safety.

Don't forget to support CAFOD's essential work with refugees during Advent through their **World Gifts**.



Delivering RSE in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton

As you are aware, the National Board of Religious Inspectors and Advisors is currently reviewing the Catholic RSE framework and policy. 'A Journey in Love' remains the only resource recommended by the Diocese to support the teaching and learning of RSE in our Catholic primary schools. This resource has been approved by the Bishops in England and Wales. Any supporting materials should be quality assured by the Education Service in order to ensure that they meet the current requirements of Catholic Church Teaching.



This programme is published and available from McCrimmon Publishing Co Ltd. For £12.50 Tel: 01702 218956.

Or it can be ordered online at:

www.mccrimmons.com/shop/books/a-journey-in-love--volume-1--book

Advent and Christmas

The Church seasons of Advent and Christmas are fast approaching. The first Sunday of Advent falls on 29th November 2015.

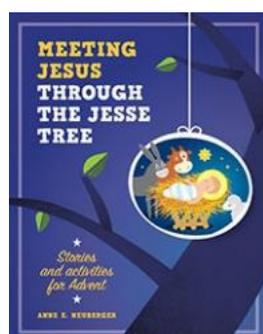
The season of Advent is the perfect time to consider Reconciliation Services in your schools. If anyone requires any support with Reconciliation Service guidelines please do not hesitate to contact the Education Service.

Some interesting resources

Meeting Jesus through the Jesse Tree

£15.50

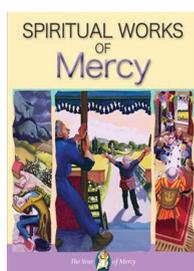
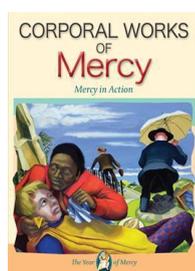
In just four weeks, you can teach Bible stories and salvation history to children of all ages



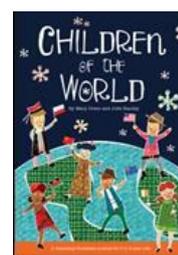
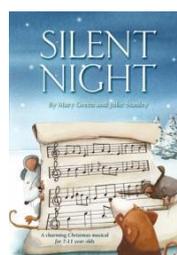
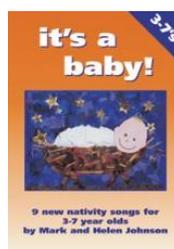
and abilities. You can introduce them to Catholic faith traditions, give them meaningful ways to anticipate the birth of our Saviour, and deepen their awareness of Christmas. You'll find many creative Jesse tree ideas suitable for Catholic schools, parish programmes, and families at home in this book.

Available in the bookshop

£2.50



Christmas Plays



Just a few ideas for Christmas. Of course there are many, many more. If anybody has used any Christmas plays or other resources that they felt were successful please notify us and we will pass on the details.

We would like to be able to celebrate the excellent work our schools put into Advent celebrations, Nativity Plays, Christmas Productions and Carol Services. Please email a selection of photographs, from any of the above, with a short dialogue, before the end of January so that we can share them across the Diocese in our next edition of Ablaze.