

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



Welcome to ABlaze! Summer Term 2016

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



Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the Crucified. He is not here, for He has been raised just as He said.

Matthew 28: 5-6

Website

Our web address is:

www.abeducationservice.org.uk

Please continue to check our site regularly.

Courses

Please don't forget to check the CPD Handbook for courses coming up this term. The course booklet in PDF form can be found on the website under courses and events.

A reminder of courses coming up:

Cross-phase Headteachers' Conference
9.30 – 15.15 **Wed 18 May**
Worth Abbey

Primary RE Coordinators' CPD Day 3/3
9.30 – 15.15 **Wed 8 June**
DABCEC

Secondary Heads of Religious Education
CPD Day 9.30 – 15.15 **Thurs 30 June**
DABCEC

Cross-phase Professional Development
Day for Future Leaders 2/2 **Wed 6 July**
DABCEC

All courses can be booked on line, where notification of your booking will be sent to you via email. If you have any queries regarding any of the courses in our booklet, please do not hesitate to contact us and one of our colleagues in the Education Team will help you.

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Additional Training

During the year, we are pleased to offer additional training sessions as the need arises, support inset days and staff meetings.

Please contact our Primary Adviser, Sarah Feist at sarah.feist@dabnet.org or by telephone **01293 511130**.

Holy Year of Mercy

The Year of Mercy continues to be the focus for this year.

All resources used on the day of the launch can be found under RE Resources on our website.

These resources have been added to by some of our schools. Please keep checking for updates.

www.abeducationservice.org.uk

We are always looking for ways to inspire you in your teaching of RE and encourage the sharing of excellent practice that is already in place here in Arundel & Brighton. Please continue to send in your ideas, photographs and pieces of work and we will endeavour to put them onto the website for everyone to celebrate.

Please keep checking the news section to the right of the front page on the website for current uploads.

Come & See Information



The website is now updated for Summer 2016.

There are some topic webs to assist you with using multiple sources when planning for the 'Reveal' section of *Come and See*.

The formal assessment theme for this term is:

Sacramental Theme

Inter-relating

~Reconciliation

The suggested assessment materials are in this assessment section. These assessment 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 please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Feist sarah.feist@dabnet.org

RE Resources on the Website

Please continue to keep checking our website www.abeductionservice.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:

- RE Coordinator Monitoring Pack
- *Come & See* Summer 2016 resources
- Weekly *Lectio Divina* texts
- RE Resources to support the planning and teaching of RE
 - Blank Topic Web
 - Driver Words Overview
 - Bloom's Taxonomy
 - Levels of Attainment Grid
 - Provision for more able pupils
 - RE Checklist for teachers
 - Living the Seasons of the Liturgical Year

Resources to Support the Teaching of Come & See

Revised editions of God's Story and Church's Story - available from the DABCEC book shop or online from

<https://matthewjamespublishing.com>

Friends of Jesus and More friends of Jesus by Victoria Hummell, Liguori Publications – available from a variety of online sources including:

www.liguori.com

www.catholicbooksonline.com

www.amazon.co.uk

John Burland's Come & See Music Collection

www.johnburland.com

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.

Rainbows



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.

Would you like to be a Rainbows' school or find out more about the programme?

If so, contact Sarah Feist at

sarah.feist@dabnet.org or **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.

A new resource this term is linked to how we are called to think about God's love and to share compassion with our global family.

Resources are available for children to explore the relationship between justice and mercy.



Clicking on the link will lead you to [Pilgrimage for children](#). A detailed series of lesson plans for teachers to use during the Year of Mercy, encouraging children to understand why people around the world are refugees and to take action in solidarity with them.

Teaching Activities - Updates on the 'Come & See' website

Using feedback from teachers, RE Advisers from across a range of Dioceses have gone back to the drawing board and made some positive changes to the Teacher Book material **for Early Years, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.**

Click [Here](#) to see the updated documents or visit the website <http://comeandseere.co.uk> You will need to log on to access the materials.

Please ensure you look at the **Key Questions** and **Activities** section in each of the topics. The other year groups will soon follow. Keep your eye on the website for further information on these updates.

Come and See- Universal Church Units on the CAFOD Website

Visit <http://comeandsee.cafod.org.uk/> to explore CAFOD's Universal Church Units, part of the Come and See RE programme.

CAFOD have many resources to support teachers. Take a look at the following, they are an excellent way to introduce your class to the Pope's encyclical 'Laudato Si' and support liturgy linked to the Year of Mercy.

You can find these resources at www.cafod.org.uk schools and youth/primary schools





Please also explore 'Wishes for Our World'; it is a fantastic new resource based on a beautiful letter from a grandfather to his grandchild, written by award-winning author Michael Morpurgo examining the issues of climate change. Pupils are invited to write their own letters on climate change.

If you decide to write letters based on 'Wishes for our World', please send either paper copies or letters in electronic form to Sarah Feist and we will share them on the Education Service Website.

Good Shepherd Celebration

**Wednesday 22 June
Arundel Cathedral.**

Schools will have received their packs giving them all the information related to the Good Shepherd. This year the celebration will include a short pilgrimage through Arundel Castle Grounds to the Holy Doors of Mercy at Arundel Cathedral.

Copies of the information pack for schools can be found on the Education Service website under Resources/RE Resources.

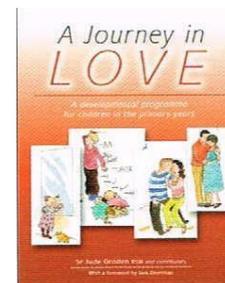
Grandparents' Week

**Sunday 25 September to Sunday 2 October 2016
Watch out for the flier coming into schools.**

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

Education Sunday

A new date for Education Sunday has been chosen so that it makes links to the academic year from 2016. The new date will be the second Sunday in September. In 2016 this is 11 September. More information will follow shortly.

Looking to support and enhance your RE teaching and learning ?

Join the 'Send my Friend to School' campaign and speak up for every child's right to education.



Tens of millions of children are missing out on school because of conflict and natural disaster. Education is vital for all children and critical during emergencies and times of crisis where it gives much needed stability, safety and hope for the future.

We need world leaders to take URGENT action to help.

To find out more and get your free teaching pack for 5-15 year olds visit

www.sendmyfriend.org



Get a DVD, story posters, teachers guide, stickers and templates to make 'a message in a school bag' to speak up for children out of school and send to world leaders.

Join Pope Francis in his quest to highlight the effects of climate change on our world.

Laudato si' is the second encyclical of Pope Francis.

The encyclical has the subtitle:

'On Care For Our Common Home'



In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis speaks openly about the devastating effects of climate change on people and the planet. He says that climate change is real, urgent and it must be tackled. He also describes the climate as "a common good, belonging to all and meant for all".



CAFOD have produced some excellent resources to support the teaching and learning of *Laudato Si* and can be found at:

www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Encyclical

or under Primary Schools Key

Resources and Teaching Themes

www.cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-schools

There are guides to how to use *Laudato Si* in the classroom including Lesson Plans and activities.

The '*One climate One world*' Campaign to take part in. PowerPoints to use in assemblies.

PowerPoints to introduce the effects of Climate change.

May 2016 - May is the Month of Mary Overview for the Month



The month of May is dedicated to **The Blessed Virgin Mary**. The first 15 days fall within the liturgical season of **Easter**, which is represented by the liturgical colour white — the colour of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. The remainder of the month, beginning the Monday after Pentecost, is in **Ordinary Time** which is represented by the liturgical colour green. This symbol of hope is the colour of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Some ideas that you can carry out in your school this month.

Recipe of the Month

Pentecost Cake

www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/recipes

To celebrate Pentecost try this delicious moist cake, inexpensive and easy to make. It is served with a strawberry frosting.



Activity of the Month

Pentecost Wheel



www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities

Construct this Pentecost wheel to remind children of the working of the Holy Spirit in their lives. After constructing the wheel, begin using it seven days before Pentecost, discussing a gift of the Holy Spirit each day.

May Processions

During May, we honour the Virgin Mary as "the Queen of May" during a special service. These services may take place inside or outside. A "May Crowning" is a traditional Roman Catholic ritual that occurs in the month of May and is celebrated by many of our schools.

Please send in photographs of your celebrations and a short piece of text to support them so that we can share them in the news section on our Education Service website.





Mission Together for Teachers

Mission Together provide a variety of **FREE Primary School resources** throughout the year. These range from assemblies and activities, to stickers, posters and CDs, which can be downloaded from:

<http://www.missiontogether.org.uk/materials-20152016>

All of their fun and child-friendly materials support your RE and Global Dimensions work.



Day of Many Colours

A fun day of Faith and Fundraising!

The Day of Many Colours is Mission Together's annual fundraising day to support children living in poverty overseas.

The day is based on the **five colours of the Mission Rosary**, in which each colour represents a different continent. These colours help us to remember children all around the world, and schools are invited to pray the Day of Many Colours prayers and undertake colourful fundraising activities. There are lots of different ways to join in:

- **A non-uniform day:** the children dress in the colours of the Mission Rosary and bring a small donation.
- **A colourful 'bring and buy' sale:** sell colourful items organised into the five Mission Rosary colours.
- **Competitions:** assign each class/year group a different continent to represent and fundraise/pray for.
- **A fun-packed day of activities:** hold multiple educational and fundraising activities (see downloads for ideas)

A Mission Rosary



I hope you are finding ABlaze informative. Please send in articles to share with your colleagues and examples of how you have used some of the suggested resources. The next edition will be ready for the new academic year in September. Enjoy the Summer Term and all the outdoor activities it brings.

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