

Weekly Bulletin from the Diocese for the week beginning Sunday 11th September 2016 for the Head teachers of Diocesan Schools and Colleges

Bible readings for this week: Psalm 14; Jer 5:11-12, 22-28; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Schools being prayed for this week: Ashley Primary, Bisley Primary and Bramley Infant

Issue 2



Theme for week

Dear Colleagues, I hope that the year has started well. The lectionary for the week beginning Sunday, 11th September uses Jesus' Parable of the Lost Sheep, found in Luke 15 and verses 1-8.

Technically, this is more of an allegory than a parable and the

unmistakable message is that God cares for us, as individuals, intensely. I always marvel that the Creator of the universe can care for an individual human being (and a sheep) so much. The award winning charity, 'Christians Against Poverty' used to ring a bell at their head office in Bradford every time that one of their clients came to faith. This celebration is nothing compared with the image of angels partying in heaven at the same time. If we are so warmly welcomed, how should we welcome others into our classrooms and schools – including the ones who sometimes wander off and are different from the rest.

Ideas for assemblies on this theme

Please note these are entirely voluntary and should not replace existing assembly plans for the year. The theme might be 'everybody is important' and the language should be adjusted to the age group of the children. How did the shepherd know one of his sheep was missing? He must have always been looking out for them. Perhaps on holiday we have had the experience of being lost but we know that our parents will come looking for us. When they find us, they are overjoyed. God is like that. It may be possible to role play this. The end of the Luke reading tells the story of the lost coin. It may be possible to hide something of great value in the room (like a coin) which everyone looks for and the one who finds it is overjoyed. God feels like that. Or, alternatively use the story from 1 Timothy as a basis for an explanation of 'What do you demonstrate'.

Details below:

[Acts of Worship – The Diocese of Ely Education Directorate](#)

CPD – The Lifeblood of an improving organisation

- The 'Key', based in London is about to undertake a national launch of a high quality, low cost CPD programme – the CPD toolkit. Some Diocesan schools are registered with the Key and so can access these CPD materials slightly cheaper. Great for schools with small CPD budgets. Details at: www.thekeysupport.com/cpd
- Heads and Chairs meeting on Thursday 15th September from 9.30am to 11.30am or Friday, 16th September from 2pm to 4pm; both at the Education Centre. The agenda includes: updates on Safeguarding and Mental health, School Effectiveness, the Revised Ofsted framework, the RE quality mark and Christian distinctiveness. Please do come or send a deputy. New handbooks available for all schools
- Save the date: Thursday 3rd November, 8.30am to 4.30pm Head teachers Away Day at Waverley Abbey House

News from family of Church schools

- Key Stage 2 outcomes Sept 2016
- % at Expected Standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined:
- England 53%, Surrey 59%, Hampshire 57%, Kingston 54%
- Guildford Diocese 58%
- Good Shepherd Trust 61%
- Converter academies nationally 57%
- GST converters 77%
- Sponsored academies nationally 43%
- GST sponsored 50%
- More details on all of this, and secondary outcomes, at Heads and Chairs

Education News

- In the usual way there has been some tinkering with the Ofsted framework in late August.
- One new development is that if a school goes into a category, then it automatically has to become an academy without any choice.
- Also, we thought that we would have the pupil progress data at the start of September but this is now likely to come out in December with 'the son of' RAISE to reflect the new assessment era.
- New TA standards to supplement the Teaching Standards. These will be available in the diocesan education handbooks distributed at Heads and Chairs