**To           :              Headteachers; Chairs of Governors; Foundation Governors; Ex-officio clergy**

**From     :               The Education Team**

**Date      :               10th February 2021**

**Re           :              Weekly email and resources from the Diocesan Education Team**

Dear Colleagues

Half-term is beckoning! We sincerely hope that you will all be able to have a well-deserved break from work and to be able to spend some time with loved ones at home. Focusing on oneself is not necessarily something that comes easily or naturally to all, especially perhaps those working in a vocational profession. It is also all too easy to feel guilty about not working when there is lots to be done. The importance of addressing our own mental health needs has rarely been given as much airtime as it has currently, and for good reason! So, if you are able, please take some time next week to just ‘be’, recharge your batteries and relax. Rest can sometimes be active too and spending time doing something that brings us joy can be as restorative as physical rest – looking after ourselves helps us in turn to be able to look out for others, so we hope half-term gives you the opportunity to achieve this.

You will recall that last week we attached the first in a series of Lent based art reflections, so attached is the second in this resource series. Also attached is a guided reflection based on the book, ‘The Dot’; this reflection thinks about the concept of encouragement and could be used with either KS1 or KS2. We will continue with a weekly resource offering after half-term.

You may also find some of the links to resources and training opportunities following this message useful.

With our continued thanks for all you do,

The Education Team

**Holocaust Education Opportunity**

In 1945, hundreds of children liberated from concentration camps were flown into a tiny town in the Lake District to begin new lives. Year 6 children at Bartley CE Junior school had a wonderful Zoom session hearing from a gentleman who was one of the Windermere children – Headteacher, Karen Stonehouse, explained that this was a really moving and inspirational session for the children. This opportunity is open to all schools and can be arranged through Nicola Collings at Bartley: n.collings@bartley.hants.sch.uk

**Leadership in Church Schools**

On Thursday 11th March, Sue and Richard will be running an introductory session on leadership in Church schools. This will cover Church school vision and values, SIAMS, collective worship and other practical aspects specific to Church schools. The session is for recently appointed heads or deputies and is also open to anyone who is looking to apply for a leadership position in a Church school. The session will run from 9.00 -12.00. If anyone would like to join, please contact Richard Wharton for the Teams link: Richard.wharton@portsmouth.anglican.org.

**Foundation Governor Training**

Richard Wharton is offering the following online training, which is particularly applicable to foundations governors who are new to their role:

**The Role of Foundation Governors in a Church of England school**

Building on any Governor Induction training from your Local Authority, the session will focus on the specifics of being a governor and foundation governor in a CofE school & will include:-

Church school values and vision; The historical background to Church school distinctiveness; SIAMS; Monitoring collective worship; Practical aspects specific to Church Schools. The session is aligned with the Governor Competency Framework. Dates for the sessions are:

Tuesday 2nd March 1.30-3.00 p.m.

Thursday 4th March 6.00-7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 16th March 6.00-7.30 p.m.

Friday 26th March 1.30-3.00 p.m.

Please contact Sam Powell to book a place: sam.powell@portsmouth.anglican.org

**RE Today projects with accompanying free resources:**

New, expanding, practical and free anti-racist RE resources: [https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/anti-racist-re/](https://url6.mailanyone.net/v1/?m=1l8mSC-0004QH-3S&i=57e1b682&c=_6mVURosNAcRKX-1K3YDv54pGX0SxuWWTs8_h5gHhOf2IB1w69dZfQV32laRhaaRl-kI748KgzMLR9Joy_iFFzaVj_SkYHv0LIc0D-RaMM5r3HQ3D1j5ZoXSoC1acQrAso80x9NBClfXAfVDKZ7GXp0XenhsimVQg-M5gVIU1DiFPxXWuUi2eooBn4ovM-2qv10htGb6wb9BNyQfPGNWkyB3YBLRwkGhqwJ6mEgIoVmxJxyujO6Mx6MVDRuV6LzoZhc2xmagOqg9TYKB9FHAIw)

Art in Heaven / Spirited Arts competition this year (till 31st July). This worked remarkably well as lockdown learning last summer, with entries higher than ever. RE Today says this way of unlocking creativity 4-19 is one of their best projects. Details are all here: [https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-gallery/2020/](https://url6.mailanyone.net/v1/?m=1l8mSC-0004QH-3S&i=57e1b682&c=Ky-9qP9Tgagf1lo2B5eFcSuw6rsopXq6IVLpE4h6agRvwbHrwsKDCIB1JYjeqQRaTNOYIyUOJd4dZDvSMnjWwymTLVLhwZHZY1ZOT5O7JzSO5ecJAYCIY5CV4Ye-95h7pKjYT5xPsmJiNCYY6X-cQLso7KwfqeIqe24aLKQDAwGgSwDfwX4nqSwJ4w4vSKPQ2YOvTQa5LH8d28msA1582sqtKWJ6v7JmOLMebp2zVm-R2KwkZCA5XD8hf-oGfBfW71PojcYG1gtDo9nOTi2cyzn6xCaI2-cP1vclwtszruCEX101yRzeu8N8cKN5bWZB)

**Children’s Society Webinars:**

**The Children’s Society - Keeping Young People Safe from the Risks of Exploitation**

**Wednesday 28 April 2021, 11.00am – 12.00pm**

The Children’s Society invites you to a **webinar** understanding more about the risks young people face from exploitation. Join **The Reverend Mike Todd** (Church Engagement Manager - Regional) and hear from **The Right Reverend Sarah Bullock, Bishop of Shrewsbury about** her experience of young people at risk in urban Manchester as well as across rural Shropshire**, James Simmonds-Reed** who leads our national prevention team and his colleague **Laura Bryon** on our partnership work with the British Transport Police. More than ever we need to be able to spot the signs of criminal exploitation and know what action to take to help young people who are all the more at risk as this challenging time.

Sign up even if you can’t attend on the day to receive a recording with the presentations as well as all the interesting links.

Tickets are **free but registration is essential** via this **Zoom link –** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_CTruZEUMTRGqRLFfN5zycw](https://url6.mailanyone.net/v1/?m=1l9RnG-000641-43&i=57e1b682&c=115V0QNfiphny_ufNqSwkf0nVszbCeec8ySCSVnqQYog8hLkd8xB06duBmrtBegXJLVgpjL1NDfBxTHptulOvj9InIkQGNXtL23x5-2MSWjb34H_5J-9gTGRxTgJwkD3t-Jo7HqOolXE6IuW4Q_La7-grucEJao6HkiLlic243xxV_Q3P-rnFDH7jKzry5KK-HeBPMomXYm1TcfEOE0A5maeiT_FgeJqXKDAUzzruFHw_lsk04uRGtN2g1zHyMN7xhIB7d8_aiJF5rxWNDO8xA)

**The Children’s Society - Strengthening the Safety Net – Supporting children and families in crisis**

**Wednesday 3 March 2021, 2.00pm – 3.00pm**

The Children’s Society invites you to a **webinar** exploring supporting children and families in crisis. Hosted by **Hannah Ratcliffe** (Relationship Manager for the East of England), hear from **The Right Reverend David Walker, Bishop of Manchester and a Vice-President of The Children’s Society** as well as **Emma Sharpe (**one of our TCS East project workers) and **Jazmin Glen** from our Campaigns team about our Strengthening the Safety Net campaign and what action you can take to help secure support for children and families in crisis at this challenging time.  Check out Bishop David playing Jenga with our CEO **Canon Mark Russell** [https://vimeo.com/423155386](https://url6.mailanyone.net/v1/?m=1l9RnG-000641-43&i=57e1b682&c=BRoDy7Sxb08mD-WKHdpVk9VJrM7xfu3TKv9wSLptB78V6VF_OrjCm1iTHUOKYPLnq2zfoq5USd7spSL8lzW6fFUO3K18zOywF6z9q4mjLIq9HrjJ61Y3AUKuXp3UYb7W7Y6XnU3kN00KvOoNGy_rotNyybBECn_oPBOA8-XOXGCAE6x-mmBxz-yQctPo0oyl-uEuFo_9T0uM5kQghKwE_lyjvM1W3rXzkgUvb8Fk590)

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Tickets are **free but registration is essential** via this **Zoom link –** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_AiAQhHtMT9e8sdFBUTfMfQ](https://url6.mailanyone.net/v1/?m=1l9RnG-000641-43&i=57e1b682&c=Px6cjlYnFE6E0Cci3FEQXKX3wPzJVvu85KQOqRln_Qkqqs6I4H5_jYQRz2vCVDu669mfaAX7rMNN5LMAZddi1jT75xMtXhJwoB0D1HYLSvEAlVALdCYm7x5kzTVuUq7c98UodCMgrujH0Lr6G7KE9vzwgYFHtlyBTVXpuKSQDpfDelPQ8AszEoJtPYLT_eIgMnAKrzDwrIubEP2S7_zocL-Fa-aRbvnlLKUjP3vzR1dq80xihlC_KU2b-DF6Q8-fwW1iIqqFC-WumMCnPhbwpg)