Dear Headteachers, Executive Headteachers, CEOs, Consultants, Chaplains, Directors, Chairs of Governors, Vice Chairs of Governors and Foundation Governors

**Academy & School News Update and Safeguarding Briefing**

Please find attached the most recent academy and school news summary from educational consultant Tony Stephens and a copy of the two latest safeguarding briefings from Andrew Hall.

**Headteachers’ Conference – Happiness, Wellbeing, Resilience, Growing and Flourishing, 16th June, 9.15am – 3.00pm**

Ian Soars, CEO of Fegans, a leading UK charity supporting vulnerable children and families, will share how Fegans could help the most vulnerable children and families in your school.  Fegans counsel over 450 children every week in over 100 schools and deliver parenting courses, as part of a holistic service to families who are struggling. In addition, Fegans has a substantial digital presence reaching over 500,000 families every year with counselling, advice, innovative resources, courses and support, the vast majority of which is provide free at point of need. Together with local communities, Fegans has developed family hubs based in schools, preschools, churches and across whole towns, that equip local people to do extraordinary work with children and parents who are struggling most, whilst compassionately and frankly addressing some of the more complex issues facing our children today.  May I encourage you to read the biographies of all our conference speakers, as attached.  We’re sure they will serve to help strengthen and enrich your school leadership in the terms and years to come!

**Cathedral Service for All Diocesan Schools – 29th September, 2.00pm**

This September’s service promises to be the best yet.  The Chamber Choirs from the Malcolm Arnold Academy, Uppingham School and Oakham School are going to join together to form one senior school choir.  We will also be joined by the Brass Ensemble from Bishop Stopford School, and choirs from the three All Saints Church of England Primary Schools, from Northampton, Wellingborough and Peterborough.  There’s still time for other schools to join too.

We’re grateful to all schools which have given an early indication of attendance.  If you would like to make a day of it, you could arrange a programme of educational activities in Peterborough Cathedral with Alex Carton, Head of Learning and Engagement - education@peterborough-cathedral.org.uk, leading up to the service or following on afterwards.  Primary schools are welcome to bring a whole KS2 year group or two year groups if you have two year groups in one class, and secondary schools are welcome to bring the equivalent of about one class, whether that be all your student leaders, a cohort of Pupil Premium students or another group of your choosing.  We would encourage any small schools to explore whether you might be able to share coach travel costs with another local Church of England school.

To reserve seats, please email Alex via education@peterborough-diocese.org.uk.

**SLA Training Courses Coming Up Soon**

***RE: Assessment / Ofsted Research Monday 16 May 1.00pm – 4.00pm led by Lat Blaylock, via Zoom***

How can school RE use the directions set by HIM’s RE report?

***Implementing the Understanding Christianity Resource Tuesday 17 May 9.30am – 3.30pm led by Lesley Pollard, via Zoom***

Specifically for primary teachers who are new to using the Understanding Christianity resource, but whose school is already trained in this programme.

***Governor Briefing Session:  Tips on Recruiting Governors Thursday 19 May 6.30pm – 7.15pm led by Peter French, via Zoom***

Peter is a National Leader of Governance and will share his experiences of successfully recruiting governors for church schools.

***Termly Headteachers’ SIAMS Briefing Thursday 26 May 1.30pm – 3.00pm led by Jane Lewis, via Zoom***

Updates and feedback on inspections so far; a workshop to look at different self-evaluation approaches and to ensure your school is well prepared.

To book a place on any of the above SLA training courses, please email: education@peterborough-diocese.org.uk.

**Prevent Training for Heads and DSLs**

If you need to update your Prevent training for this academic year, may I commend to you Sean Arbuthnot’s online training this Friday, 9.30 – 11.30am, via Zoom.  Further details are attached.

**Continuing The Ministry of Christ On Earth Today**

Many people brought their children to Jesus for him to bless them (Mark 10: v6) and Jesus spoke of the kingdom of God belonging to children (Luke 18: v16).  Today, the Church of England seeks to continue that ministry, not least through our schools.  So, as you go about your work this week, you might like to keep in mind the words of St Teresa of Avila, reflecting on St Paul’s portrayal of the Church as the body of Christ; may they be a guiding light and a blessing to you: ‘*Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*’

**A Prayer**

Finally, may I share with you a prayer from this Sunday, the fifth Sunday of Easter…

*Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

Wishing you every blessing!

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