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 latest safeguarding briefing from Andrew Hall.

**Headteachers’ Conference – Every Dimension of Every Life Matters, 24th March, 9.15am – 3.00pm**

The programme for the conference is as follows:

*8.45am – Zoom login and opening worship songs.*

***9.15am Opening worship – Reflections On ‘Every Dimension of Every Life Matters’***

*Peter Cantley, Diocesan Director of Education, will lead us in worship with Archdeacon Richard Ormston, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education, Peter French, Deputy Diocesan Director of Education, and Jane Lewis, Assistant Diocesan Director of Education.*

***9.45am – The Earth’s Life Matters***

Dr Ruth Valerio will address important themes about the environment, climate change, courageous advocacy and ways to help children and young people look after God’s world and love their global neighbours.

*10.45am MORNING BREAK*

***11.00am – Black Lives Matter***

Allana Gay will speak about ‘Black Lives Matter’, addressing important BAME, UKME and decolonising the curriculum themes.

***12.00pm – Cathedral Life Matters***

Alex Carton, Head of Learning & Engagement at Peterborough Cathedral, will speak about the life of Peterborough Cathedral over the centuries and the place of cathedrals in our history, whilst sharing all the educational opportunities that a visit to Peterborough Cathedral offers.

*12.15pm LUNCH BREAK*

***1.00pm – 1.55pm – Religious Lives Matter***

Lat Blaylock from RE Today, will address the theme of ‘Religious Lives Matter’, illustrating the importance of religion in our world, with 80% of all people on our planet practising some form of religion today, and will consider RE teaching and curriculum design, referencing resources and training courses that would be helpful for teachers, especially for colleagues in the primary school sector.

*1.55pm AFTERNOON BREAK*

***2.05pm – 3.00pm – Spiritual Lives Matter***

Dr Anne Lumb will present on ‘Spiritual Lives Matter’, considering afresh the spiritual dimension of pupils’ lives and how Church of England school leaders can most effectively support children’s and young people’s spiritual development.

*3.00pm CLOSE*

Bookings can be made via [education@peterborough-diocese.org.uk](mailto:education@peterborough-diocese.org.uk).

**SLA Training Courses Coming Up Soon**

***Understanding Christianity: Creation and Fall Tuesday 8 March 9.00am – 12.00pm, presented by Adam Robertson via Zoom***

This session will focus in greater depth on the theme of Creation and Fall using Understanding Christianity.  Adam helped to write the Diocese of Peterborough RE Syllabus.

***SIAMS Updates and Training for Governors Tuesday 8 March 6.30pm – 8.30pm, presented by Jane Lewis via Zoom***

This session will provide updates for governors on recent developments in SIAMS and provide support for governors in relation to their role when it comes to working with the school through the inspection process.

***Appeals Training Wednesday 9 March 1.00pm – 3.00pm, presented by Peter French and Alex Benoy via Zoom***

Peter and Alex will outline the process with VA schools and academies, what happens with appeals and how to prepare a statement of case.

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

**Webinars Open to All Coming Up Soon**

***Primary Essentials***

May I highlight for you a series of innovative online CPD sessions, specially designed by ASCL for colleagues leading in primary education, with complimentary access for all primary leaders regardless of ASCL membership:

***Raising writing standards***Pie Corbett, education trainer, writer and author, Talk for Writing***Primary Ofsted Inspection with a focus on reading and literacy***Phil Minns, HMI Specialist Adviser - Early Years and Primary, Ofsted***EYFS: A focus on the question of assessment***Dr Julian Grenier, Headteacher, Sheringham Nursery School and Children's Centre***Effective primary curriculum planning*** *​*Mary Myatt, education adviser and writer***A focus on governance in primary trusts***Emma Knights OBE, Chief Executive, National Governance Association***A focus on disadvantaged pupils in primary***Marc Rowland, adviser for improving outcomes for disadvantaged learners, Unity Schools Partnership***Effective strategic thinking for successful primary leadership***Rob Carpenter, CEO, Inspire Partnership Multi Academy Trust***Effective teaching of languages in primary***Suzanne O'Farrell, ASCL MFL Consultant and former headteacher***DfE/Standards Testing Agency: primary assessments update***Colin Watson, Deputy Director, Research and Assessment Development, Department for Education***Supporting you as a leader***Rachel Bertenshaw, ASCL Deputy Director of Member Support, and former headteacher***Six tricks for successful financial leadership***Julia Harnden, ASCL Funding Specialist, and former school leader***Governance in a single maintained school***Sam Henson, Director of Policy and Information, National Governance Association

All sessions will be hosted by ASCL Primary Leadership Specialist, Tiffnie Harris, who will be joined by an excellent line-up of speakers.

To take part in any or all of the above Primary Essentials online CPD sessions, simply register via <https://www.ascl.org.uk/primaryessentials>. You will then receive links to join the sessions and access the recordings.

**Collective Worship & RE Resource – Gladys Aylward**

Dr Jane Redden has been in touch to recommend a 7 minute film on Gladys Aylward, a famous missionary who ventured to China in the 1930s and 40s to share God’s love.  It is professionally produced and suitable for use in primary schools for Years 5/6 and also Year 7 in secondary schools for collective worship and RE lessons.  Gladys Aylward was a parlourmaid who went out to China and had a huge impact there, helping with the unbinding of children's feet, rescuing children from the war zone in the Sino-Japanese war and in the prisons.  The film is easy to watch and has been greatly enjoyed by many who have seen it: [The Story of Gladys Aylward: the small woman with a big heart - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=XUhWj2vXhgo&t=268s).

**A Ukrainian Worship Song and a Prayer for Peace**

Finally, may I share with you a beautiful Ukrainian worship song [Молитва (A Prayer) Ukrainian Christian song | English subtitles | Rooted in Christ | OFFICIAL VIDEO - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NKPreTNIt0), and a prayer for peace…

*God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace*

*have mercy on our broken and divided world.*

*Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all*

*and banish from them the spirit that makes for war,*

*that all races and peoples may learn to live*

*as members of one family*

*and in obedience to your law,*

*through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

Wishing you every blessing!

Peter

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