

## Head Teachers' Bulletin – 15<sup>th</sup> September

### Dates for the diary

Deadline for Local Academy Committee Reports and Data– Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Heads' Forum – Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 9.30-11.00 at the Pastoral Centre

Subject Leaders' Network Meetings – Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct

Trust Mass – Thus 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

### Actions from this Bulletin

#### Reminders from previous bulletins for things still outstanding (from some or all schools)

If you haven't responded and are struggling with anything, please drop us a line so that we can get in touch to work out how we can help:

- Attendance and travel for the Heads' Conference
- Reminder to return your LAC report and Heads' Report by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept
- Complete the MS form for the subject leaders' network meeting – deadline Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sept;  
<https://forms.office.com/e/6KNvWWQKb>

#### New Actions from this Bulletin

- Pass on the link (below) for the Trust Mass form to the person who is organising this in school – deadline Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Form for Primary Schools; <https://forms.office.com/e/6FhzQRy7m4>  
Form for Secondary Schools; <https://forms.office.com/e/Jyb0uWnbrW>
- Let Steve know if your school will support the Bethlehem Hospice and Care Trust as part of your Advent fundraising (see note below)
- Get in touch with Steve if you have had any issues raised in relation to the NASUWT action short of strike action

### New Updates (since last bulletin)

#### NASUWT – Action short of strike action

The NASUWT have given notice of action short of strike action. Please let me know if you have had any meeting with NASUWT members or reps regarding this, or have had any issues raised in relation to it. The kinds of things it might affect are attendance at after school meetings or events and activities over lunch time.

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If nothing has been raised in your school to date, you do not need to respond, but if anything has come up, please email me. I want to be able to support with any challenges, but also to get a picture across schools which could be helpful in the event of discussions with the union.

### Subject Leaders' Network Meetings – Form

Please note that we need all returns in telling us who will be attending these networks from your school by the end of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept (this Monday). The link is below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/6KNvvWWQKb>

I also need to highlight that this meeting is on Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. I have made a couple of errors with sending things out with an incorrect date on recently and this was one. My apologies for that.

### Deadline for Local Academy Committee Reports and Data – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept

The deadline for returning Heads' report, Local Academy Committee report and School Improvement Priorities is fast approaching.

This is the Autumn Term report (because it is from the Autumn term meeting), but the report will be reviewing the summer term. I recognise that this has caused some confusion.

The Head Teachers' report includes all of the data we have previously collected separately, so by returning this report you are also returning the data needed this term. As noted before, we are working to develop some systems which should make the data part much less work in future.

### Trust Mass – Thus 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

Anita sent out the updated information about the Trust Mass, with an explanation about the in school preparation that is needed.

Included with the information was a link to an MS form which we would like you to pass on to whoever is organising participation in the mass at your school. The deadline for this is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. I have included the link below for convenience. Thanks to those schools who have already responded.

Form for Primary Schools; <https://forms.office.com/e/6FhzQRy7m4>

Form for Secondary Schools; <https://forms.office.com/e/Jyb0uWnbrW>

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We have also asked for your statement which you will put on your banner for our 'litany of light'. The deadline for this is 4<sup>th</sup> October.

### Christmas Fundraising Request – Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust

I flagged this charity up as a cause we may be able to support across our family of schools this Advent. Thanks to those of you who have responded to say that you are already planning to do some fundraising for them this year, or have done so in the past.

I am proposing that we do support them as a family of schools, both to help maximise our fundraising and as an opportunity for our pupils to know they are doing something as part of a bigger family. I have noted below some options for ways that you could support:

1. You could have an own clothes day or simply include them as one of the charities you will raise money for through any activity you already have planned
2. You could get involved with their 'festival of cribs' – this might include a competition for pupils (and staff) to enter their crib &/or a display of cribs which you could invite parents to see
3. A combination of 1 & 2

I would suggest that we collect any money raised as part of a total from the family of schools so that pupils see that they are playing their part in work together. We could also have a trust wide 'crib competition' for any schools keen to take part.

Please let me know as soon as possible if your school will be involved in this work and, if so, whether you will be doing fund raising only or if you want to be part of the festival of cribs in some way too.

### **Notices**

#### Steel City Choir Auditions

Thank you to Louise for highlighting the attached notice advertising auditions for the Steel City Choir. They are looking for children and young people from Y2 – Y13 and are holding auditions on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept and 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Details and an email address are included on the attached flyer if you have pupils who are interested.