

## Head Teachers' Bulletin – 13<sup>th</sup> October

### Dates for the diary

Trust Mass – Thus 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

Early Years' Mini-Conference – Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 9am-3pm @ St Catherine's

Heads' Conference – Thus & Fri 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Nov

Writing Leads Mini-Conference – Thus 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 9am-12pm @ Pastoral Centre

### 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:

- **Final reminder to book places for your Early Years Lead on our Early Years Mini-Conference and your writing leads on our Writing Mini-Conference if you have not already done so.**

### New Updates (since last bulletin)

#### Subject Leader Network Meeting

A big thank you to everyone who enabled these meetings to happen, with particular thanks to Anita and to colleagues who facilitated meetings. We are gathering the feedback from the meetings and will share this once we have had an opportunity to collate it.

#### Trust Mass – Thus 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 10am

We are really looking forward to seeing you all for the Trust Mass on Thursday next week. Just a couple of reminders:

- Please arrive by 9.30am so that we have plenty of time to get everyone settled
- Please make sure that you have followed your own risk assessment processes in school
- Please remember your candle and banner and please have some pupils who will be ready to bring them to the altar during the start of mass and bring them out during the final procession.

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### Data Dashboard

Anita will forward a link to the data dashboard that was shared at the head teachers forum. This captures the data that was provided in the headteacher reports (links will be sent only to schools in the Trust at this time as it is their data).

This is being shared to enable you to 'be curious' about the data, and to prompt professional dialogue.

To support with this **we will be making time available during the Head's Conference in November to look at this data together as a group**, with the people you might want to have a conversation with physically present in the same room.

This is the first time the Trust has collected data in this way and the dashboard is in its infancy. Therefore there may well be gremlins that still need ironing out. If you spot anything please let me know. Similarly, while we hope that all the data that was provided in the headteacher reports has been captured on the dashboard, we received some of the information in a variety of formats and it is possible that some has been missed in the transcription stage. Apologies if this is the case. For the spring headteacher report we will further clarify what we are asking for at the point of data collection so that we standardise this aspect of data collection.

### Advent Fund Raising and Festival of Cribs

Thank you to all the schools across our family who have confirmed that they intend to do some fundraising this Advent for the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust. People in our Diocese who are involved with the Trust are so grateful as fundraising is very challenging and your support means the world.

I have added below the link to their website, where there is a powerful explanation of their work, which may be helpful to you when talking to pupils or parents; [About - Bethlehem Care & Hospice Trust \(bethlehemcareandhospicetrust.org\)](http://bethlehemcareandhospicetrust.org)

**If you have not confirmed with me that you are able to support fundraising for this cause in your school this Advent, it is not too late to do so. Please drop me an email.**

I would really love to use this as an opportunity to help our pupils know that they are part of a bigger family and to see how their contribution goes along with others to make a big difference. To help with this, I have two things to ask:

- Please take and share with me photos (as always with permission) of fundraising activity and/or of the Festival of Cribs if you are taking part in this.
- Please let me know how much money you have raised over Advent

I will put the photos together to share on our Trust Website and will also share them back with you so that, for example, you can share with pupils in school a wider view of what is going on across all schools and

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how they are playing their part. I will also make sure that we can share a total raised across the Trust with all of you so that, again, we get that sense of the bigger family.

Finally, we are aware that there may be some sensitivity attached to fundraising connected to the Holy Land given all that is happening at the moment. I think it is important to reflect that the Care and Hospice Trust seek to give access to care to anyone who is nearing the end of life, regardless of creed, politics or any of the other things that divide people. Indeed, part of the motivation for the foundation of the Trust was to be able to provide practical love and care that is accessible because so often access to care is another of the things that is made more difficult by the conflict and divisions in the region.

### Notices

#### The Big Ambition Survey – Request from the Children's Commissioner

You may have seen the Children's Commissioner recently launched '[The Big Ambition](#)' to hear directly from children and young people across the country about what they need to make their lives better.

This survey is for all children and young people aged 0 to 18. Children aged 6 to 18 can complete the survey themselves. For those who may need additional support or for children under six parents and other adults can complete the survey on their behalf.

We are asked to support pupils in our schools to take part in the survey, by promoting it in school and through social media and other channels. Where possible, it would be great if you are able to facilitate pupils completing the survey in school.

The survey can be completed here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

Through this link there is an easy read version and different questions based on the age of the child or young person. Please see '[The Big Ambition](#)' webpage for extra resources and overviews of the survey and lesson plans. To further assist teachers, my team have hosted a series of webinars explaining how to facilitate 'The Big Ambition' survey in a lesson, a recording of one of these webinars can be downloaded [here](#).

### Notes from Previous Bulletins

#### Mini-Conferences for Early Years and Writing Leads

Thank you to all the schools who have already responded to book places on one or both of these conferences. I have re-attached the flyers for convenience in case you haven't looked at these yet.

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Both events promise to be really good quality days with a real opportunity to support practitioners in really practical ways. Both events have also been planned in response to things that emerged in the writing moderation last spring and respond to areas of priority that have been highlighted in many school's improvement plans this year. They will also provide a great opportunity for Early Years staff and those leading writing to share their experience and to hear from others, which in turn will give us great information about how we might be able to support.

I would therefore really encourage you to enable colleagues to attend and to get in touch if you'd like your school to be represented at one or both event, but have a problem with releasing them on that date.