

## Director's Jottings

### Bishop's Visitors Needed!

Keeping our team of Bishop's Visitors up to strength is a bit like painting the Forth Bridge used to be; an ongoing challenge that never ceases.....



Bishop's School Visitors come from a wide variety of backgrounds, but they all have strong links with the Church and with Education. They are not self-selecting, but come to the role on the personal recommendation of headteachers, clergy and people involved in our schools' work.

They are supported by a network of cell groups and an annual training day in Ely with the Bishop at which they are also commissioned for a (renewable) three year term of office.

That Commissioning service sets out the task in these words:

"A Bishop's School Visitor is called to strengthen the bonds of friendship and support between the Diocese and its Church Schools. In partnership with local clergy and Christian people, a Visitor helps to give day to day expression to the Bishop's task of serving, caring and praying for the members of the Church School family of the Diocese.

A Visitor is a supportive and informed colleague to the staff and governors of the Church Schools entrusted to him/her.

A Visitor encourages the children of the schools through regular visits and active interest.

A Visitor is an ambassador for the Diocesan Schools Team and Board of Education and Training.

A Visitor upholds the people and communities of the schools in attentive prayer and intercession.

A Visitor does not work in isolation but undertakes to learn and share with colleagues, and to liaise closely with those appointed to the oversight of the Diocesan work with schools."

Visitors will be especially interested in the various elements of church school life such as ethos, RE and collective worship, and will be able to offer ideas and support in these areas. They will also want to be supportive and attentive listeners, making friends with adults and children alike, sharing both problems and joys. Part of their role is to offer to be a non-judgmental, listening ear if headteachers or staff want someone to "unload" upon.

There are more than twenty-five Bishop's School Visitors in the Diocese of Ely at the moment, spread between our eighty-one church schools. This means that no Bishop's School Visitor is linked with more than three schools, and most have only two partner schools. This allows the Visitors to offer the gift of their time on a regular basis. It is the task of the School and the Visitor together to negotiate the most helpful form and pattern the Bishop's School Visitor visits can take: in some schools a friendly visit a couple of times a year will suffice, or schools may choose to invite their Visitor to join them on school trips, or help with special RE projects, perhaps even become a regular visitor leading collective worship. The permutations are endless! Visitors also have their own particular interests, perhaps in music, science or special needs, and bring these skills to the relationship as well.



Tim Elbourne

We are always glad to receive recommendations of new people to join the team. Please contact Shirley (01353 652712 or e-mail Shirley.hall@ely.anglican.org) if you would like to find out more about becoming a Bishop's School Visitor or you have someone to recommend.

### Children's Work Adviser

The Bishop of Ely wishes to appoint a Diocesan Children's Work Adviser. This is a strategic post to carry forward mission with children and their families across the diocese. The full-time job is located in the Education and Training Team, supported by the diocesan Children's Council, and will include encouraging parishes and mission communities across the diocese to develop environments which are protective and nurturing. It will also involve working with others to organise events, resources and training as well as engaging our whole diocesan community for its mission with children.

Further details are published on the Ely diocesan website: <http://www.ely.anglican.org/education/children/>. People interested in exploring further this opportunity are invited in the first instance to contact the Director of Education and Training, Canon Tim Elbourne ([tim.elbourne@ely.anglican.org](mailto:tim.elbourne@ely.anglican.org) or 01353 652724).

Deadline for initial expressions of interest: 8th Feb 2008

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The Schools Bulletin is published fortnightly in term. We are pleased to publish news and notices. Please send details and pictures (.jpeg) and we will try to include them. Send to: [debbie.jordan@ely.anglican.org](mailto:debbie.jordan@ely.anglican.org)

## RE Meetings



RE & ICT

### RE MEETINGS - SPRING TERM 2008



- ◆ Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – St Luke’s School, Cambridge
- ◆ Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Farcet School, near Peterborough
- ◆ Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – St Peters Junior School, Wisbech
- ◆ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Wormegay School, West Norfolk
- ◆ Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Barrington School
- ◆ Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Linton Infants School
- ◆ Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Lantern School, Ely
- ◆ Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February – All Saints School, March

All meetings 4.15 p.m. and last one hour. Open (and free!) to all primary schools, and those who work with schools. If you want to book out particular resources to borrow at a meeting contact Ros at the Diocesan Resources Centre on 01353 652725.

## Church School Statistics 2007

### Pupil Numbers and Summary Performance Data

This includes the most up to date data available on pupils numbers and performance in the schools of the Diocese. Clearly there have to be ‘health warnings’ about such statistics and pupils numbers especially are subject to daily changes. However, they can be helpful in spotting trends and as part of our own quality assurance support.

Pupils numbers are slightly up, but the figures continue to illustrate the size of the imbalance in our primary and secondary provision. With the prospect of so many new schools being commissioned, in both phases, the Diocese will be seeking opportunities to create more secondary places in the future.

	2007	2006	
Primary pupils	12,951	12,835	
Secondary Pupils	730	660	
Total Church School Pupils	13, 681	13,495	

The primary school performance data reveals that in 2007, VA schools continued to perform very slightly above their LA averages. The Value Added score (primary) is an indication of pupil progress and is therefore a sounder basis for comparison than the raw SAT score that takes no account a school’s context. It should also be noted that the smallest schools do not submit data since their cohorts are very small.

Value Added Profiles	Percentile
102.3 and above	Top 5% of schools nationally
101.1-102.2	Next 20% of schools nationally
100.6-101.0	Next 15% of schools nationally
100.0-100.5	Middle 20% of schools nationally
99.6-99.9	Next 15% of schools nationally
98.3-99.5	Next 20% of schools nationally
98.2 and below	Bottom 5% of schools nationally

### PRIMARY:

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	Cambridgeshire								Norfolk							
	VA	2006	VC	2006	Total	2006	A/Ave	2006	VA	2006	VC	2006	Total	2006	A/Ave	2006
No. Primary Schools	23	23	41	41	64	64			4	4	9	9	13	13		
No. Pupils	4060	4020	6721	6650	10781	10670			481	472	749	731	1230	1203		
KS2 SATS—2007	27.1	28.5	27.1	28.4			26.4	28.4	27.6	27.7	28.2	27.2			25.6	27.1
KS2 SATS (V/Added) - 2007	100.2	100.4	99.9	100.3			100.0	100.1	100.2	100.0	99.9	99.5			99.5	99.8

#### Peterborough

#### Dioc. Total

	VA	2006	VC	2006	Total	2006	A/Ave	2006		2006
No. Primary Schools	2	2	2	2	4	4			81	81
No. Pupils	392	390	548	572	940	962			12951	12835
KS2 SATS—2007	27.2	26.8	27.6	27.9			26.8	23.5		
KS2 SATS (V/Added) -	100.0	99.2	98.4	99.1			99.8	97.0		

## Gifted and Talented in R.E.

KS2: GIFTED AND TALENTED IN R.E.

Friday 16th May 2008—9.30am—4.00pm

Swynford Paddocks Hotel, Six Mile Bottom, Newmarket, Suffolk

- ⇒ To identify what is meant by gifted and talented in RE
- ⇒ Explore and examine ways to motivate and challenge able, gifted and talented pupils
- ⇒ To contribute to E.C.M. : Enjoy and achieve

The day will provide active strategies that encourage able, gifted and talented pupils to reach their potential in RE. Through examples drawn from Christianity, Islam and Hinduism, ways to develop pupils creative, questioning, philosophical and thinking skills will be highlighted. Lat Blaylock is the Keynote Speaker. Cost: £95.00 per person

To book a place telephone: 01480-375932

or email: CAS@cambridgeshire.gov.uk—Quote Course Code: 17928



## Building Services Annual Update

**Building Services Annual Update Meeting**  
**Monday 17th March 2008 at 6.30pm**  
**(Light Refreshments provided)**

This evening will be a chance for VA Headteachers and Finance Governors to be briefed before the end of the current financial year on developments in funding streams.

This will include:-

- ◆ DFC,
- ◆ Service Level Agreement
- ◆ Insurance
- ◆ Other buildings related issues.

There is no charge for the event but places will be limited to two per school.

An application form will be sent to each school shortly.

## Bee aware (KS1-2)



The Royal Entomological Society and film company DreamWorks have produced *Into the Hive* an interactive classroom game created by scientists to celebrate the DreamWorks™ computer animated comedy Bee Movie.

Aimed at primary schools, the game features characters and artwork from the film and encourages school children to have fun learning about bees and their crucial role in the eco-system.

Suitable for up to four teams, 'Into the Hive' players pick a character from the film and follow their path to make it back to the hive before the other teams, answering bee-related multiple choice questions along the way.

The 'Into the Hive' game pack includes questions for key stage 1 and 2 age groups with links to the National Curriculum and classroom activities. To order a FREE pack call: 01423-567111 or online at: [www.royensoc.co.uk](http://www.royensoc.co.uk)

## From our Schools

### Getting their hands dirty!



Pupils at St Mary's Junior School in Ely have been raising money for charity by getting their hands dirty and

planting more than 350 bulbs on their field.

The bulbs which are narcissi and crocus and should bloom in spring were planted in the shape of the school badge and also spell out the word 'respect' which is the schools motto.

Karen Everett, Playpal co-ordinator for St Mary's said

"The children thought it was wonderful. It was a good learning experience as well as letting them get their hands dirty".

All the money raised will go to the Myasthenia Gravis Association, a little known charity which helps people with suffering from the disease.



## Old Clothes into Cash

A New Year clear-out by parents is expected to raise several hundred pounds for a village school.

Mums and dads brought bin bags to the Primary School at Cheveley, filled with unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, soft toys and blankets.

The bags were taken away by a company called Bags2School which pays £200 per tonne for re-useable items.

The collection was organised by the school's parent teacher and friends association. The Headteacher Julie Zak said "We will find out in a few weeks how much we will get".

"It's good because things are being recycled rather than going to landfill. It also creates employment and even plastic bags are recycled.



## For Governors

### Governor Training – SIAS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools)



As the three year OFSTED / SIAS cycle draws to a close, Shirley is offering governors an opportunity to think about their SIAS inspection and follow-up to the inspection report.

How does your school compare to other church schools in Ely Diocese and nationally?

What was special about the "outstanding" church schools locally (and yes we have several!)?

What are governors' responsibilities in this period between one SIAS inspection and the next?

What have we learnt from SIAS? How can we now help our own school move forward as a church school?

This term's Church School Governor Training evening will be held at the Diocesan Office in Ely on: **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.00 – 9.00 p.m.**

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough governors please book through the Governor Development Service in the normal way (Course CSI / 01), Norfolk governors book direct with Debbie Jordan on 01353 652724.

**Please note – if your school has not yet had its SIAS Inspection, and you would like in-house training for governors on the process and governor responsibilities, you can book Shirley on 01353 652712 or [shirley.hall@ely.anglican.org](mailto:shirley.hall@ely.anglican.org)**

Our advice would be to *book now*, rather than wait for the inspection date to be set, as the inspection timetable is very tight!

## Welcome to newly appointed Foundation Governors

New (or re-appointed) Foundation Governors:-

- ◆ Elizabeth Stazicker—Mepal & Witcham CE Primary School
- ◆ Nicky Blanning—Park Street CE Primary School
- ◆ Ian Downing—St Luke's CE Primary School

May I ask all Clerks to keep a check on the terms of office of all Foundation Governors and advise Debbie Jordan of any re-appointments.

Thank you,

Debbie

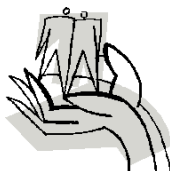


## Hellos and Goodbyes



**Nicola Bramley** has been appointed as the new Headteacher at Isleham CE Primary School

## In our Prayers over the next month



Day	School
9th February	Cherry Hinton CE Infant School

## Vacancies

SCHOOL	VACANCY	CLOSING DATE
Bury CE Primary School	Headteacher	1.2.08
Teversham CE Primary School	Headteacher	1.2.08
Gt Gidding CE Primary School	Headteacher	29.2.08

Soon to be advertised, Headteacher vacancy at St Augustine's CE Junior School, Woodston

Contact details for all schools can be found on our website:  
[www.ely.anglican.org/education/schools/Info/Sch](http://www.ely.anglican.org/education/schools/Info/Sch)

## SIAS Reports

Inspection Reports (Ofsted and Statutory Church School Inspection) were published recently for the following schools:

- **Elton CE Primary School**

These Inspection Reports can be read directly via the link on our website. Click on:

**"Information about Individual Schools" on the Education or Schools homepages**

We're on the web!  
[www.ely.anglican.org/education](http://www.ely.anglican.org/education)

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## Dates for the Diary

RE Meeting	31st Jan 2008	Farcet CE Primary School
RE Meeting	6th Feb 2008	St Peter's CE Junior School
RE Meeting	7th Feb 2008	Wormegay CE Primary School
National Conference for Christians in School Leadership	7th-9th Feb. 2008	Coton House Rugby
Farmington Fellowships 2008/09	4th Feb 2008	Closing date for applications
Diocesan Children's Work Adviser	8th Feb 2008	Deadline for initial expressions of interest
RE Meeting	20th Feb 2008	Barrington CE Primary School
RE Meeting	21st Feb 2008	Linton CE Infants School
Fair-trade Fortnight	25th Feb -9th March 2008	
RE Meeting	27th Feb 2008	Lantern School, Ely
RE Meeting	28th Feb 2008	March All Saints Inter-Church Primary School
Bishop's Schools Visitor Training Day	4th March 2008	Bishop Woodford Retreat House, Ely
SIAS Governor Training Day	5th March 2008	Diocesan Office, Ely
Building Services Update Meeting	17th March 2008	Diocesan Office, Ely
Gifted & Talented in RE	16th May 2008	Swynford Paddocks Hotel, Newmarket