

Celebrate!

Ely Cathedral, Sunday 21st June, 5.30 p.m.



Celebrate School, with Bishop David, is for everyone associated with one of our schools or who simply wants to join in the celebration in this special year for our Church in this region. Come to Celebrate with us!



Garden Party

We are delighted to invite Headteachers, Chairs of Governors, Principal Officiating Ministers and their families to a **Garden Party** at 3pm on **Sunday June 21st** in the delightful garden at Bishop Woodford House, Ely before the Celebrate! service at the Cathedral.

Individual invitations are being sent, but should the snail mail go astray, please feel free to respond to this message instead. RSVP with numbers attending by **8th June 2009** to Debbie Jordan Tel: 01353-652724 Email:

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Note: Date changed from 29th June

Values4Schools

Introducing this valuable new resource (see Page 2), the Archbishop of Canterbury describes the importance of Christian values being at the heart of the ethos, atmosphere and the way people feel valued in our schools.

Launched last week, it is a website that will grow and develop and, together with our own CASIAS site (see below), is already a helpful resource as you think about the values that are the heartbeat of your school.

A secularist spoiler has been set up, but the genuine site is

www.christianvalues4schools.co.uk

Values FOR SCHOOLS

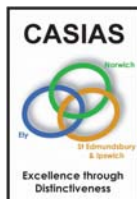
VALUES

- Reverence
 - Wisdom
 - Thankfulness
 - Humility
 - Endurance
 - Service
 - Compassion
 - Trust
 - Peace
 - Forgiveness
 - Friendship
 - Justice
 - Hope
 - Creation
 - Koinonia
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Churchschools East: Excellence through Distinctiveness



CASIAS, our local consortium to support you develop your school's distinctiveness and SIAS preparation has recently been re-christened **Churchschools East**, to reflect our vision of developing a wider range of resources for use across our region. A new logo and website will gradually take shape, but you heard it here first!



Moving On

Our Schools Administrator, Debbie Jordan, will be leaving us next month to take up a new challenge as Secretary to the Master of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. During her three years with the team, Debbie has been the welcoming voice at the end of the telephone, developed this Schools Bulletin, re-organised many of our systems and kept us all organised in a calm and efficient manner. We will greatly miss her, and she goes with our blessing and gratitude. Debbie's last day will be June 12th.

This creates **vacancy** in our team for the post of Schools Administrator and we would be delighted to hear from anyone who might be interested in applying for the post which will be advertised shortly.

You will need to be a cheerful person who is highly motivated, flexible and efficient. Excellent communication skills and a good command of ICT will be needed to ensure the professional management of the Schools Office and to:

- be the first point of contact
- act as PA to the Director
- help organise a range of events and communications
- support various meetings and committees
- co-ordinate governor appointments and inspections
- handle a wide variety of other tasks

Please contact Debbie to receive the full details when they are published next week.

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

From the National Society

Pinpointing Christian Values at the Heart of Great Schools



A new website launched by the Church of England recently marks a groundbreaking initiative to identify the distinctive values that make Christian schools popular with parents and students, and promote ways of living out those values in the day-to-day activities of a busy school environment. The new website, www.christianvalues4schools.co.uk, identifies 15 core values – including Service, Trust and Forgiveness – which are introduced with brief theological reflections and examples of how schools have brought these values to life, through everything from collective worship to garden design and architecture.

The website also contains questions and ideas for how staff and governors might engage with these values, including:

- **discussing the themes at ‘circle time’ and school councils, and recording the responses on a ‘value tree’ to create a permanent display at the heart of the school building;**
- **presenting award cups to individuals during school acts of worship, as a recognition of how students have demonstrated individual values (e.g. generosity to others);**
- **staff going on a ‘learning walk’ around the school, to look for evidence of how individual values are demonstrated in the classroom.**

The project, commissioned by the Church of England’s

National Society, is designed to enable the nation’s 5,000 Church of England schools – as well as schools without formal church links – to explore these themes as an aid to strategic planning that can help make a school distinctively Christian, while remaining inclusive, as Church of England schools have been since they first began almost 200 years ago.

Dr Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, features in an introductory video on the website, explaining that the ethos of church schools runs deep.

The Revd Jan Ainsworth, the Church of England’s Chief Education Officer, comments: ‘The website meets the demand from schools for resources that help them articulate what their foundation means today. As well as being rooted in the Christian vision, the values we’ve identified are appreciated by people of other faiths and none, reflecting the fact that most Church of England schools have an inclusive intake across a range of faiths and backgrounds.

www.christianvalues4schools.co.uk includes an initial collection of case studies and good practice gathered from schools across England and Wales, which will grow as schools contribute their own ideas and experiences.

Shirley comments : There is a tremendous amount of material already on this website, with the promise of more materials to come. It is well worth a closer look and is sure to start you thinking about the values which underpin your school. I’m already planning to showcase the website in next term’s RE Liaison Groups!

From the Diocese

Ever thought of going to Prison?

Ely Diocesan Criminal Justice Group Invites you to a conference



‘PRISONS—Exploring behind the walls’

Thursday 9th July 2009

Methodist Church, Church Street, Buckden PE19 5TP—10am-1pm



Speakers include:-

David Kinder: Chaplain at HMP Littlehey

Annette Lewis—Prison Visitor

Martin Kettle: Inspectorate, formerly Head of Special Unit at HMP Whitemoor

Michael Williamson: Magistrate

Geraldine Firth: Volunteer Manager, Littlehey Visitor Centre

Helen Boothman: Independent Monitoring Board

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS CONFERENCE

Further details contact: Ann Brittain—Tel: 01480-812012 or Email: ann.brittain@stmarysbuckden.org.uk or bsr@ely.anglican.org

From our Schools

'Young Musician of the Year'

Three pupils from Little Thetford Primary School have been selected to take part in a 'Young Musician of the Year' competition. The competition will be held at Soham Village College during May.

The three pupils are out to impress some of the brightest young musical talent from across the district.

Headteacher at Little Thetford, Rob Lytton, said "We are very lucky at our school in that we have a lot of very musically gifted pupils and we were delighted to be able to put three children forward for the event".



Little Thetford pupils who will be taking part in the competition

For Governors

Role of SENCOs in Schools

Special educational needs co-ordinators (SENCOs) play a key role within schools to ensure effective provision for children with SEN and disabilities. They are also an important point of contact with parents.

The importance of their role was recognised in the statutory SEN Code of Practice (November 2001) and in the (third) report of the then Education and Skills Select Committee on SEN (July 2006).

CONSULTATION

The DCSF would like your views on draft regulations requiring newly appointed SENCOs undertake nationally approved training. Respond by visiting the DCSF's consultation website at:

www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations



The closing date for responses is 22 May 2009.

The Protection of Children in England

On 12 March, Lord Laming published The Protection of Children in England: A progress report. The Government accepted all of his recommendations and promised to issue a more detailed response later on.

This action plan sets out the Government's response to Lord Laming's recommendations.

It outlines how all of central Government will work together with local government and front line services including teachers, teaching assistants, school governors, staff in Children's Centres and early years settings, child care workers and other partners working with children to drive forward reform of child protection services across England.



Download a copy of the publication from the Every Child Matters publication website.

Newly appointed Governors

New (or re-appointed) Foundation Governors:-

- ◆ **Revd Richard Bunyan—Buckden Church of England Primary School**

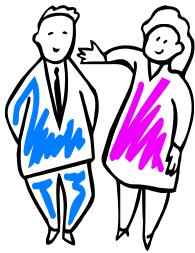
May I ask all Clerks to keep a check on the terms of office of all Foundation Governors and advise me of any re-appointments.

Thank you,

Debbie



Hellos and Goodbyes



Wilburton Primary School has appointed **Joy Walker** as their new Headteacher

Sally Daggianti has been appointed as the new Headteacher at Oakington Primary School

The newly appointed Headteacher at the Orchards Primary School in Wisbech is **Helen Williams**

Daniel Doud has been appointed as the new Deputy Headteacher at St John's Primary School in Stanground

Dates for the Diary



Praise Party (with Scripture Union)	15th May 2009	Ely Cathedral
Eucharists in Schools	2nd June 2009	All Saints School, March
Opening The Doors Wider Conference	6th June 2009	St Andrew's Church, Histon, Cambs
900th Anniversary Year of the Diocese Service	21st June 2009 5.30pm	Ely Cathedral
Church Schools Garden Party	21st June 3pm-5pm	Bishop Woodford House
East Anglian Collective Worship Conference	26th June 2009	Diocesan Office, Ely
Rave in the Nave	10th July 2009	Ely Cathedral
Children's 900th Celebration Service	19th Sept 2009	Ely Cathedral
Church School—Cathedral Days	6th&7th Oct 2009	Ely Cathedral
Community Schools—Cathedral Days	14th&15th Oct 2009	Ely Cathedral
Interfaith Week	15th-21st November 2009	

In our Prayers over the next month



Day	School
14th May 2009	Linton Primary School
16th May 2009	Castle Camps Primary School
25th May 2009	Bourn Primary School

Vacancies

SCHOOL	VACANCY	CLOSING DATE
St Paul's CE Primary School	Headteacher	15th May 2009
St Mary's CE Primary School in St Neots	Headteacher	29th May 2009

Contact details for all schools can be found on our website:
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:

- ◆ **Thriplow Church of England Primary School**
- ◆ **Castle Camps Church of England Primary School**
- ◆ **St Peter's Church of England Junior School**

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

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