



From Jackie Waters-Dewhurst, Diocesan Director of Education

“People usually consider walking on water or in thin air a miracle. But I think that the real miracle is not to walk either on water or in thin air, but to walk on earth. Every day we are engaged in a miracle which we don’t even recognise: a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves, the black, curious eyes of a child – our own two eyes. All is a miracle.”

Thích Nhất Hạnh

Job 9:10

He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, **miracles** that cannot be counted

We are reaching the end of a term like no other term. We are tired and still battling with what we have to do now alongside what we will be asked to do in September. It is a relief to know that we will not be asked to open over the summer break but the news has been late getting to us. It does not seem like there is time enough left to plan properly for September when what is expected is still so vague; open for all groups? Year group bubbles? Distanced or not and by how much? Even when given certainties it is difficult not to expect them to change several times before September.

As a profession we always want to close the doors at the end of this term having let our staff, pupils and parents know exactly what they will be coming back to. Which class/classroom/teacher/start date/curriculum/numbers of pupils..... it feels uncomfortable that we may not be able to do this.

But we need to put this down. To plan for what we can and to be open about what we cannot. We need to learn from this period that we are all capable of so much more than we thought we were. That our communities are strong and that we have proven our worth in the middle of them.

We have each been part of the daily miracle that has seen our schools open throughout the whole period. That has enabled us to continue to reach out to our pupils with both education and care. That has built even stronger links with our parents.

We have done all this whilst looking after our own families and our colleagues. We have done it all using Zoom and Teams and WhatsApp and standing at the end of a garden path shouting

encouragement to those who are shielding. We have delivered meals to friends, relations and pupils. We have continued with our courageous advocacy both in schools and out.

All of these are part of the everyday miracle of walking the earth. Sometimes the only miracle we are aware of is the step we take eyes firmly rooted to a path which seems tricky if not dangerous. But, when we have time, when we look up, the miracles are all around us.

I pray that in these closing weeks there is time for us all to take in the miracle of a blue sky, a child's curious eyes and the burgeoning green leaves around us and know how deep are the thoughts and blessings of our God,

Psalm 92:5

How great are your **works**, LORD, how profound your thoughts!

God bless,

Jackie

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HTPM and School Improvement Partner Service

More information about our Headteacher Performance Management and School Improvement Partner services can be found on our website, [here](#).

Booking forms should be returned to Tracy, tracy.smith@lincoln.anglican.org

Diocesan Central Training Events – Autumn Term 2020

These will take place via Zoom. Please note the timings listed below are the most recent times and they have been updated since the publication of the Service Agreement Booklet.

For more details of the courses below and to book your places, please visit the diocesan education website www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com or e-mail Tracy.Smith@lincoln.anglican.org

Please note – new dates/times for the following:

16/11/20 Repeated on 17 th and 18 th November	Effective RE for a Broad and Balanced Curriculum Bundle Session 2: RE Subject Knowledge	16 Nov – 4pm to 6pm 17 Nov – 9am to 11am 18 Nov – 1pm to 3pm These sessions are repeated.	Early Bird £280 (for all 4 sessions in the bundle this year) £315 if booked after 17 th July 2020. (£500 if not in SLA)
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Date	Course title	Times	Costs per person (if school is in SLA)
15/09/20	RE Cluster Meeting with Gillian Georgiou	1.30pm – 2.30pm	FREE
15/09/20 Repeated on 16 th and 17 th Sept	Effective RE for a Broad and Balanced Curriculum Bundle Session 1: Context of RE and Roles and Responsibilities	15 Sept - 9am to 11am 16 Sept - 1pm to 3pm 17 Sept - 4pm to 6pm These sessions are repeated.	Early Bird £280 (for all 4 sessions in the bundle this year) £315 if booked after 17 th July 2020 (£500 if not in SLA)
29/09/20	Governor Roles and Responsibilities	9.30am to 12.30pm	£70 for governors £35 for clergy (£110 for governors if not in SLA)
06/10/20	OfSTED Toolkit for Headteachers	9.30am to 12.30pm	£87.50 (£139 if not in SLA)
07/10/20	Learning the Language of SIAMs Morning input with an optional follow up bespoke meeting with SIAMs adviser	9.30am to 12.30pm	£87.50 +£87.50 for optional follow up meeting (£139 per meeting if not in SLA)
08/10/20 and 22/10/20 2 half day sessions	Headteacher Development Days Sessions 1 and 2 (This will be the equivalent of 1 day per big term. In the autumn, it will be two morning virtual sessions covering different content).	9.30am to 12.30pm	£175 for the two autumn sessions. (£280 if not in SLA) £330 for equivalent of 2 days (Autumn and Spring) £500 if not in SLA £475 for equivalent of 3 days (each big term) £790 if not in SLA

14/10/20	RE Cluster Meeting with Gillian Georgiou	1.30pm to 2.30pm	FREE
5/11/20 Now 2 half days instead of a full day	Developing Senior Leaders in Church Schools and Academies (Session 1 of 2) Session 2 will follow in the Spring term	9.30am to 12.30pm	£175 for sessions 1 and 2 together (£280 if not in SLA)
TBC	Bishop's Visitor Conference	Timings to be confirmed	FREE
12/11/20	Autumn RE Surgery (45 minute slot)	9.00am to 9.45am 9.50am to 10.35am 10.40am to 11.25am 1.00pm to 1.45pm 1.50pm to 2.35pm 2.40pm to 3.25pm	FREE
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18/11/20	RE Cluster meeting	9.00am to 10.30am	FREE
25/11/20	Learning the Language of SIAMs Morning input with an optional follow up bespoke meeting with SIAMs adviser	9.30am to 12.30pm	£87.50 +£87.50 for optional follow up meeting (£139 per meeting if not in SLA)
10/12/20	Church School's Carol Service	Hold the date – more details to follow	TBC

If you have requests for further training or any questions about the training listed above, please e-mail Tracy.Smith@lincoln.anglican.org

We look forward to receiving your requests for training!