

'Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'
(Luke 15:8-9)



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday. I hope you've had time to switch off from school and make happy memories with family and friends. Hopefully you will be feeling refreshed and ready for the new academic year ahead of us. I am sure it will be another busy year with lots of exciting opportunities as well as some challenging moments along the way. Whatever the year throws at us, we will remain strong and resilient as a church school family.



At the end of the last academic year, we said our farewells to a number of colleagues in schools including headteachers, teachers, support staff and governors. Some colleagues chose to take their well-earned retirement. Others chose to move to a new post, mostly in education and pleasingly a good number still within the church school sector either within our family of schools or multi-academy trusts. As they moved to pastures new, we appreciated and valued the contributions they made to church school education and we wish them all the very best for the future.

We also gave our best wishes to lots of pupils, mainly Y2, Y6, Y11 and Y13 moving on to their new phase of education this September. Many will be starting new schools, colleges or an apprenticeship and we can be confident that they have secure foundations built upon a set of strong Christian values to sustain them through their life-long learning.

People may move on but they are never forgotten. We have fond memories to treasure, various means to stay in touch and we welcome staff and pupils who return to the church school family. God's love is constant wherever we go, wherever we are, no matter however long we may be 'away'.

This leads me on to announcing some very exciting news!

On behalf of the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education, I would like to welcome the return of Fulstow school to the church school family. In the 1800s, Fulstow was established as a church school but at the turn of the 20th century, it somehow lost its church school status. The record keeping at that time was not what it is today! It was about five years ago when the headteacher and Governing Board discovered the school had lost its church status.

Since then, the school, Local Authority, diocese and the Department for Education have been working together to overcome a mountain of bureaucracy to recover the Church of England designation for the school. And we did it!



From 1st September, the school is the 142nd church school in the diocese. We are all delighted! The journey we've been on reminds us of the Parable of the Lost Coin. In the Bible passage above, Jesus tells us about a lady who lost one of her 10 silver coins. She looks high and low and goes to great lengths to find it. When she finds it, she invites her friends to celebrate with her.

From this parable, we learn that God never gives up. God's love is so great for all of His people that if ever we drift away from God for whatever reason, He will always be searching, hoping, and waiting for us. His love never fades. Each person who returns to Him is cause for great celebration.

We are joyful that Fulstow is officially part of the church school family again. A special church service and presentation will be held for the school community later this month. Some of you will already know the headteacher Jonathan Grant as he is also the headteacher at North Cotes Church of England Primary School.

To end this bulletin, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all new pupils, staff, headteachers and governors to the church school family. The DBE team is excited to get to know you and support you all over the coming months and years. The newly appointed headteachers since January 2023 are listed on the next page.

Whether you are new or you have your feet well under the table, please remember the DBE team is always here to support you. The DBE team is here for you. We provide support by phone, email, virtually and of course in person. Please remember our website also has lots of resources, support and guidance materials for you - www.lincolndiocesaneducation.org

I wish you every success for the new academic year.

Best wishes—

from Paul Thompson, **Diocesan Director of Education**

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Baston CE Primary School	Amy Forster
St Sebastian's CE Primary School federated with Marston Thorold CE Primary School	Elaine Bedford
Brant Broughton CE and Methodist Primary School	Liz Moore
Grantham National and Harrowby Schools (Executive Headteacher)	Gareth Smith
Grantham Harrowby CE Primary School (Head of School)	Paige Baldwin
Stallingborough CE Primary School	Emily Powell
Sutterton Fourfields CE Primary School (Head of School)	Teri Brown
Ancaster CE Primary School	Lucy Ann Jackson
New Holland CE/Methodist Primary School (part of the Humber Estuary Federation)	Hayley Twidale
Willoughby St Helena's CE Primary School	Ed Anderson
Allington and Sedgebrook CE Primary School	Victoria Hammond
Skellingthorpe St Lawrence CE Primary School	Helen Taylor
William Hildyard and Stamford St George's CE Primary Schools	Laura Martin
William Alvey CE Primary Academy	Shaun Farrington
Cowbit CE Primary School	Lizi Leonard (Interim)
Wainfleet	Melanie Page
Friskney	Tina Wood
Ulceby St Nicholas and Cleethorpes St Peter's	Emma Hill
William Stukeley CE Primary School (federated with Deeping St Nicholas) – Interim EHT	Claire Underwood
Dunholme St Chad's CE Primary School	Karen Appleby
St Peter at Gowts CE Primary School	Emily Mayer
Little Gonerby CE Primary School	Joe Hawkins
Saxilby CE Primary School (Interim HT for Autumn)	Ian Randall
Hackthorn CE Primary School (Interim HT for the Autumn)	David Gibbons
Partney CE Primary School (Interim HT for the Autumn)	Rachel Osgodby
Pointon St Gilbert's of Sempringham CE Primary School (Interim HT for the Autumn)	Sophie Foston
Humberston CE Primary School	Stephanie Ranshaw
St Lawrence Academy (Interim in place for the Autumn term)	Matthew Morton
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Dave McPartlin - Headteacher of Flakefleet Primary (BGT Golden Buzzer Winner)



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A brilliant back-to-school assembly pack to explore the highs and lows of the Lionesses' recent journey in the Women's World Cup.

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25/09/2023	16:00-18:00	Using your Data: How do you know your vision is having an impact? Preparing for inspection	online
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04/10/2023	10:00-11:00	Diocesan Headteacher Briefing	online