

RE Newsletter

Spring 2019

A Happy New Year and Welcome to this latest edition of the RE newsletter.

Join SACRE and make a difference

The Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) is looking for new members. SACRE is a statutory body that monitors and makes decisions on Religious Education in Northamptonshire and meets four times a year at Angel Square, Northampton. They are looking for new members to join from schools and faith communities. If you are interested in finding out more and would like to come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 26 March 2019 at 4.30 pm at One Angel Square, Northampton NN1 1ED then please contact SACRE at SACre@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Staying connected

If you would like to be directly contacted about training and events organised by the Northamptonshire RE advisory service or SACRE then please send your contact details to: JHall@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk who will add you to the mailing list.

Assessment for Primary Schools and the New Syllabus

All primary schools should be using the assessment criteria and statements that are in the new syllabus, as SACRE will be asking for end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 data. A request will be made the week beginning 10th June 2019 and each school will be asked for the number of children working towards, working at and working above. The new curriculum can be accessed via the link for the new syllabus below.

<https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/information-for-school-staff/curriculum-and-resources/Pages/religious-education.aspx>

Statutory Requirements for RE

We would like to remind all schools of their statutory duty regarding RE and the school curriculum. RE is an important curriculum subject. It is important in its own right and also makes a unique contribution to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils and supports wider community cohesion. The Government is

keen to ensure all pupils receive high-quality RE. Although there is not a National Curriculum for RE, all maintained schools must follow the National Curriculum requirements to teach a broad and balanced curriculum, which includes RE. All maintained schools therefore have a statutory duty to teach RE. Academies and free schools are contractually required, through the terms of their funding agreement, to make provision for the teaching of RE.

Further details can be found on the following websites;

<http://www.natre.org.uk/about-re/legalrequirements/>

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/190260/DCSF-00114-2010.pdf

Training

There will be a training workshop on Assessment and the New Agreed Syllabus in the Primary School on the 7th March 2019 from 9.00am until 12.30pm at Buckden Village Hall. In religious education, just as in other subjects of the curriculum, it is important to

let pupils know how they are doing and what they must do next to make progress. As well as knowledge and skills, it is a key part of religious education that pupils' positive attitudes to study should be encouraged and praised. This session will look at how to use assessment effectively in the classroom and to consider different approaches and opportunities to assess in RE. There will also be an opportunity to explore the new assessment tool that has been created as part of the new Agreed Syllabus.

Please book your place here; <https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/religious-education/>

Network Meetings

Network meetings return this term and the emphasis will be adding challenge to RE in the primary classroom for all learners.

12th March 2019 4.00 – 4.30

Lumbertubs Primary School
Tonmead Road,
Northampton,
NN3 8HZ

To book a place please contact; SACre@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Consultancies, CPD and Inset Training

The RE adviser Amanda Fitton is available for consultancies, CPD and inset training to all schools in the county. These are priced at **£56 per hour (+VAT where necessary)**. If you feel that your school would benefit from this service please contact Amanda using the contact details below. amanda.fitton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Other events and news items

Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day is on the 27th January 2019. Please see below for links to events and how your school can take part.

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/take-part-in-holocaust-memorial-day/>

<https://www.holocaust.org.uk/Event/holocaust-memorial-day-2019>

Northampton Borough Council are holding a memorial event on Monday 28 January 2019 at 6.00pm in the Deco Theatre, Abington Square, Northampton, NN1 4AE.

Pathway through Religions

Cambridgeshire CC have been involved in a joint European Project supported and funded by the European Union. There is now a very good website called Pathways through Religion that allows teachers and students to explore different religions across Europe and to help promote a sense of mutual awareness. Please see the link below;

<https://pathwaythroughreligions.pixel-online.org/>

Northampton University Mediation Conference

The university are holding a meditation conference on the 23rd February 2019. Please see link details;

<https://m.facebook.com/events/456573758199900?view=permalink&id=496578684199407>

Indian Republic Day

Please see details below;

Wellingborough District Hindu Association are celebrating the: Indian Republic Day .
Sunday 27th January 2019 at 2pm - 6pm at;
Hindu Community Centre
Highfield Road
Wellingborough
Northants NN8 1PL
01933 274330

