

**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP  
E-NEWSLETTER**

**From the Doncaster SACRE  
(Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education)**

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Welcome to this term's edition of the Doncaster SACRE e-newsletter. Doncaster SACRE aims to support RE and Collective Worship in all schools by providing local and national updates, advice about best practice, and information about new resources.

Back copies of all the e newsletters are to be found on the SACRE section of the council website (under Downloads and Resources). Go to:  
<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/standing-advisory-council-for-religious-education-sacre>

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### **NATIONAL UPDATES:**

#### **ANALYSIS OF THE PROVISION OF RE IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

This is an analysis of the data gathered from a questionnaire on primary religious education and the provision for RE in Primary Schools conducted by the National Association of Teachers of RE (NATRE) in the Autumn Term of 2016. To read the recent findings go to the NATRE website at:

<http://www.natre.org.uk/news/latest-news/an-analysis-of-the-provision-for-re-in-primary-schools/>

#### **RE QUALITY MARK (REQM)**

The RE Quality Mark scheme continues to attract applications from schools in all sectors and phases. Over 300 schools now hold the award. It is a wonderful way to recognise the great RE that is going on in schools.

For more information visit the REQM website <http://www.reqm.org/> and follow the scheme on Twitter at @REQualityMark.

### **LOCAL UPDATES:**

#### **JUDAISM: LOCAL SUPPORT**

If any teacher requires advice with producing and delivering learning materials in Judaism, then Penny Kay from the Sheffield Reform Congregation may be able to help. You can contact Penny by emailing [enquiries@shef-ref.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@shef-ref.co.uk)"

#### **VISITS TO THE LOCAL MOSQUE AND GURDWARA**

If you want to plan a school visit to the local Gurdwara please contact Hardev Singh (Secretary) of Sri Guru Kalgidhar Gurdwara on College Road. E mail [hardav@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hardav@hotmail.co.uk) or tel: 07765077501.

If you want to plan a school visit to the local Mosque then please contact Shaheed Syed (Muslim representative on the SACRE) on 01302 833441, or by e mail at [is.doncaster@gmail.com](mailto:is.doncaster@gmail.com)

#### **LOCAL FAITH CONTACTS DIRECTORY**

Doncaster CVS Voluntary Sector Directory has a comprehensive list of local faith contacts – a useful tool for schools wishing to extend their educational links with local faith groups. Go to:

<http://www.doncastercvs.org.uk/directory/service/faith-religion>.

The full CVS map is at <http://www.doncastercvs.org.uk/directory>

Please let me know how useful you found these links by e mailing me at:

[patricia.cassidy@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:patricia.cassidy@doncaster.gov.uk)

### **GENERAL:**

#### **RE and WORLD WAR 1**

Two years ago Lat Blaylock worked with the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales on 3 planned units of work which connect to the Great War 1914-

18. They are for 6-8s, 9-11s, and 11-14s trying to do RE not History in ways useful to schools thinking of remembrance. It is all free, including worksheets, resource sheets, stories and learning ideas. Help yourself at:

<http://www.westyorkshiredales.anglican.org/ww1REresourcesforschools>

### **CHRISTIANITY: BARNABAS IN SCHOOLS**

The new theme for 2016-17 is Creating Character, and is all about developing strong personal values such as courage, wisdom, thankfulness, humility, endurance, service and compassion. There is free support material on the website at <http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/creating-character/>

### **SPIRITED ARTS**

The annual competition starts at the beginning of every school year and runs through to 31<sup>st</sup> July in order to enable teachers to incorporate the art competition into their RE lessons. Many schools have an “Art in Heaven” unit of work, or a special learning RE/arts week. For more information go to:

<http://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-2017/>

### **INTERACT WITH JUDAISM**

This is a new digital resource about Judaism and is the result of a collaboration between Jewish Interactive and RE:ONLINE. To see their interactive games, please visit the Jewish Interactive website at:

<http://jewishinteractive.org/interact-with-judaism-reonline/>

### **UNDERSTANDING HUMANISM: RESOURCES FOR RE**

From September teachers can find new lesson plans, activities, and humanist perspectives on a wide variety of themes, topics and debates. You can also book a free visit from a humanist school speaker. To keep up to date with all the latest resources, and other news relating to Humanism, teachers can follow Understanding Humanism on Twitter on @HumanismEdu.

For more information e mail [education@humanism.org.uk](mailto:education@humanism.org.uk)

### **NEW MUSLIM RESOURCE ON TRUETUBE**

Check out this website if you haven't already done so. There are plenty of lively and colourful resources for RE. One new resource this term features a short drama about the differences between Shia and Sunni Islam. When Fatima (a Shia Muslim) stops to help Abubakr (a Sunni Muslim) recover from an asthma attack, they get talking. Then the argument begins.

<https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/shia-sunni>

### **NEWS FROM THE INSTITUTE OF JAINOLOGY**

Learn more about Jainism from the online Jain encyclopedia suitable for beginners and scholars. Go to: <http://www.jainpedia.org/>

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS 2016**

If you wish to track the main religious festivals being celebrated in 2016 then go to the RE:Online website at:

<http://www.reonline.org.uk/supporting/festivals-calendar>

Remember that Truetube also has an events calendar, so not only can you see the important events/issues relevant to each month, but you can then click on those links to access a film/resource that ties in with them  
Go to <https://www.truetube.co.uk/calendar-node-field-event-date/month>

## **CPD OPPORTUNITIES**

### **FARMINGTON FELLOWSHIPS 2017/18**

This year's Farmington Fellowships are now open for applicants. It surely must be one of the very best offers to serving teachers of RE. This is a funded study opportunity, on a project of your design, to improve RE in your school. The link to the information on the Farmington Institute website is:  
<http://www.farmington.ac.uk/>

### **SINCE 9/11 CONFERENCE 27<sup>th</sup> JAN 2017**

This conference offers a unique opportunity for school leaders across the country to come together to discuss how to promote tolerance, and respect for all faiths and religions. It provides opportunities to access free classroom resources, network with other school leaders and hear from inspiring speakers on: whole school approaches to meeting the Prevent duty and promoting fundamental British values; how to tackle controversial and socially sensitive topics in the classroom and beyond; the role of schools in bringing together communities  
To register for the conference, and access the education programme online, visit [www.SINCE911.com](http://www.SINCE911.com)

### **RE TODAY COURSES**

The latest CPD opportunities are now on the website. This term's courses cover an array of RE related topics suitable for teachers of all key stages. Primary: Teaching 3 Religions, Creative Primary RE, Understanding Christianity. Secondary: GCSE RS renewed, Understanding Christianity. Visit the RE Today website [www.retoday.org.uk/courses](http://www.retoday.org.uk/courses) to find out more.

### **STRICTLY RE CONFERENCE (NATRE) 28<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2017**

Another engaging and inspiring day organised by the National Association of Teachers of RE. Enjoy a day full of thought-provoking keynotes and practical seminars filled with classroom-ready ideas. Visit the NATRE website for more details <http://www.natre.org.uk/courses-events/upcoming-courses-events/strictly-re-2017/>

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