

Religious Education

Support & Initiatives Spring 2020



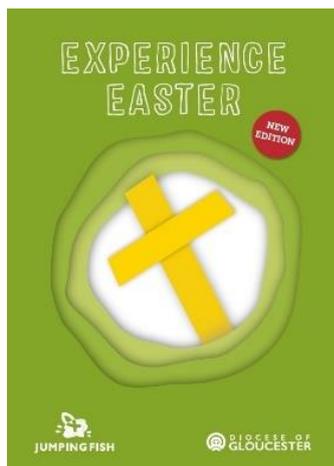
RE & Art Competition 2020

Thank you to Ana from St James, whose entry in the RE & Art Competition last year, became the front of our Diocesan Christmas card. Her explanation of her artwork made the card particularly special, she said: 'This is my picture of the Messiah. He is the King of all, carrying on in his Father's footsteps. He accepts people for who they truly are – religion or no religion.'



We are enjoying displaying some of the other entries in our department. It is the depth of thought and the care and detail of the creations that make this work so special and reflects the quality of RE that is happening in our family of schools.

We are building on this success and hope to have even more entries into this year's competition entitled, 'Spiritual Moments'. For further details about this competition, please refer to our diocesan website <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/schools/primary-religious-education/>



Experience Easter – New Edition

We are pleased to announce that *Jumping Fish* the departmental publishing house, has just published a new edition of *Experience Easter*. This is an updated version of this popular resource and includes some new ideas for the stations. For further information, refer to Jumping Fish on the Diocesan website

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/schools/jumping-fish-publications/>

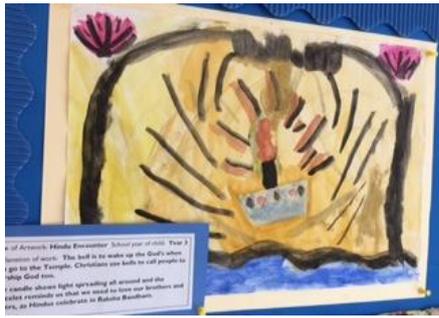
Special Spring RE Hub Meetings

The RE Hub Meetings are being held in the Autumn and Summer terms this academic year due to the RE focus at the Spring Illuminate meetings. However, the Stroud and Gloucester hub have decided to hold a special Spring meeting to look specifically at moderation in RE. The meeting will be held at Haresfield School on Wednesday 18 March. All are welcome, please let Rachel Millard know if you would like to attend rm@upton-st-leonards.gloucs.sch.uk

Forest RE Hub Leader Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a new RE Hub leader for the Forest South Deanery RE Hub in time for them to be able to lead the next meeting in June. For further information about this role and the recruitment details and dates please refer to the diocesan website, as above.





Request for work from Lat Blaylock

As a diocese, we are very fortunate to be able to work closely with colleagues in RE Today. Lat Blaylock, who many of you may know as a very popular speaker at SACRE conferences, has invited teachers in our schools to submit work which could be published in his new book which will focus on supporting standards in Religious Education. He is looking for **high quality** pieces of RE work which reflect pupil's

individual thinking or their **rich knowledge**. This can be from any unit of RE you are teaching or from any age group. If you have work you think might be suitable could you please send either originals or scanned copies to me. These will need to be labelled with pupil name, age and school, either at the top or bottom (so they can be easily removed). He or I will liaise directly with the school if that piece of work is going to go to print. Could you please send the work by **February 27**.

Individual RE Books

From time to time, schools ask representatives from the Diocese if it is necessary for each individual child to have their own exercise book for RE or if it is acceptable for schools to have 'RE class books' or 'RE floor books' instead. As RE is a core subject in church schools, we would strongly recommend that each child has their own book to clearly provide evidence of understanding and progression. Some schools may also choose to use floor or class books to capture evidence of joint classes work like discussions and photos of drama etc.



REaction Award & Supportive Resources for the RE Syllabus

The REaction Award, run by the SACRE, can be achieved by engaging with CPD, visits or visitors from two faith groups and actively heightening the profile of RE in school, for application details please contact stephen@retoday.org.uk Stephen Pett will also provide you with access to support units for the RE syllabus that are not covered by the Understanding Christianity resource, please email and ask him.

Summer RE Hub Dates – Quick Reference 2020

Cheltenham Community RE Monday 8 June 3.45pm @ St James C of E Primary School, Cheltenham GL50 2RS, **Cheltenham Deanery RE Hub** Tuesday 9 June 2020 3.45pm The venue can vary, so please check the details with Lynda at britton@holyltrinity.glocus.sch.uk, **Cirencester Deanery RE Hub** Tuesday 9 June 2020 3.45pm @ Kempford C of E Primary School, GL7 4EY, **Forest South Deanery RE Hub** Wednesday 10 June 2020 3.45pm @ The Studio, Lydney C of E Primary School, GL15 5JH, **Gloucester City Deanery & Stroud Deanery RE Hub** 8 June 2020 3.45pm @ Haresfield C of E Primary School, GL10 3EF, **North Cotswolds Deanery RE Hub** Tuesday 9 June 2020 3.45pm @ St David's C of E Primary Academy GL56 0LQ, **Severn Vale Deanery RE Hub** 8 June 2020 3.45pm @ Hartpury C of E Primary School, GL19 3BJ, **Wotton Deanery RE Hub** Tuesday 9 June 2020 3.45pm @ Blue Coat C of E Primary School GL12 7BD, **Wotton South Deanery RE Hub** (for South Glos Syllabus Schools Monday 8 June 2020. 3.45pm @ St Andrew's C of E Primary School, Cromhall GL12 8AL