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Working with schools

The main picture on the front of the 'Working with schools' booklet is from Thurton VC Primary school. I wonder what words or images come into your head when you look at it? To me, there is a sense of children who are spirit filled and joyful; there is a sense of curiosity, questioning and enquiry, as in the background a labyrinth pattern is laid out.



Our training, activities and events this year are about ensuring that we are bringing all these elements into our schools. The new Ofsted framework places spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development at the heart of a school. One inspector I spoke to recently said it should be regarded as a '5th judgment'. Many of the training opportunities this

year aim to empower you and your colleagues to promote the best opportunities possible for development in these four aspects. For example, look out for training relating to excellent governance, SMSC practical approaches, the Church year, prayer spaces and Godly Play.

The booklet has been set out differently this year so that it is easier to find training that relates to particular groups or individuals e.g. an RE section, governance, distinctiveness, churches and events for pupils. Make sure that everyone in your setting has access to the booklet. There are opportunities for everyone. Many courses are available free, particularly those held as twilights.

every day. I realised how the role of all the staff in our schools shapes the development of our superb young people. It is always a joy to work with schools on their projects like the Evacuee Days on the North Norfolk Railway.

As many of you know I was a headteacher in a church school for many years, and it is truly wonderful to see how the children we taught in previous years blossom. I was recently invited to a class reunion of young people who

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GREAT CPD OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL THIS YEAR



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We are excited about our Continuing Professional Development programme for everyone who works with schools.

The now familiar 'Working with Schools' training brochure is now published, if you haven't got a copy please contact the Diocesan Office. This year we are providing opportunities our widest and most comprehensive training to date. New opportunities include exploring chaplaincy, developing subject knowledge, discovering new skills and even doing some theology! Many courses are free, and provide

opportunities not only to engage with new and up to date thinking, but also to network with colleagues.

News

We are delighted that Thurton VC CE Primary colleague Danielle Banham had an article about teaching RE published in the National 'RE Today' magazine. Thurton was awarded the Silver RE Quality Mark last year. This term there are a number of schools being assessed for the RE Quality Mark at bronze, silver of gold level.

GIRLS ARE BEING GIVEN THE CHANCE TO 'SHINE'