RE NEWS & UPDATES

Hello everyone,

Half term is already almost upon us as we celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary in our schools.

I hope you are all keeping well enough with the many coughs and colds that are circulating along with the ongoing presence of Covid. It's been great to finally run some 'live' courses this half term and meet our new RE subject leaders.

I am sharing a number of updates that have come into the Education Service over the past week. I hope they are of some use. They are only for information, schools are not expected to take part in everything!!



If you haven't yet booked a place on our RE development day on **15th November**, please do so. Hilary has increased our capacity at Junction 36 so we should be able to accommodate those who wish to attend. Please make sure you book in advance.

- 1. The Tablet in Schools The Tablet is seeking schools that would like a free weekly copy of The Tablet for their school. It would be a fantastic resource for staff and students. They are asking their readership for people to sponsor the free copies into schools. If your school would like a copy of The Tablet, please email Amanda Davison-Young, the CEO of The Tablet at adyoung@thetablet.co.uk
- 2. The God Who Speaks The God who Speaks initiative is entering its third year, the Year of Luke. Margaret Wright is preparing a resource and information for all primary schools to assist with this special year. Many of the resources from the Year of Mercy, which also focused on Luke's Gospel, may also be helpful. Below are some links to resources from the 'God who Speaks' website, including posters to support the Year of Luke. St Luke, feast day is 18th October (godwhospeaks.uk/serve-with-luke)
 - An exciting new 'Serve with Luke' Poster godwhospeaks.uk/st-lukes-gospelposters
 - ii. A Whistlestop Tour of Luke's Gospel Poster godwhospeaks.uk/a-whistlestoptour-of-luke
 - iii. A Day by Day Family Reading Plan with Luke's Gospel godwhospeaks.uk/st-lukes-gospel-day-by-day
 - iv. St Luke's Feast day celebration idea godwhospeaks.uk/come-dine-with-luke
 - v. A special edition Luke's Gospel with discounts on bulk buys godwhospeaks.uk/nrsv-lukes-gospel
 - vi. School of Wisdom social media posts super wisdom by pupils for our Proverbs School Challenge, featuring some wise words from children in our own Diocese godwhospeaks.uk/school-of-wisdom-pupils-proverbs

- **3. Finding God in All Things:** The Ignatian Year has begun. To find out more about events celebrating this remarkable saint and founder of the Society of Jesus https://ignatius500.global/
- 4. CAFOD Climate Crisis Appeal see CAFOD's 'Go Green and Give' at Go Green Challenge | CAFOD This autumn, leading up to the COP26 climate talks in November, we are asking you to 'Go Green' by taking on a climate-related fundraising challenge. There are lots of things you could do how about a cycling challenge, going vegetarian or plastic-free? Sign up, start collecting sponsors and raise money to help fight the climate crisis!

 Together we can shine a light on some of the causes of the climate emergency while doing our bit to guard God's creation and protect our common home.
- 5. Jewish Museum London New Teachers CPD What does it actually mean to be Jewish? Is Judaism a religion, culture or ethnicity? How do I teach Judaism as both a religion and worldview? How do I teach Judaism holistically, whilst giving space to the different intersectional communities? See their Events including CPD at Events Archive The Jewish Museum London

Please remember, these are shared for information. Only use what is helpful to you. Have a break over half term, it is a holiday, not a working from home week!!

I look forwards to seeing you in November.

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