

PLYMOUTH CAST NEWSLETTER – 31st May 2017

Dear Heads, Governors, Staff and Volunteers,

Welcome to the Plymouth CAST fortnightly newsletter. In this edition the focus will be

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1. Message from Kate Griffin, Interim CEO

I hope that you are all enjoying a well-deserved half term break.

When I was a Headteacher I always breathed a sigh of relief when the 1st June arrived because the day for teacher resignations had passed and we could make final plans for the autumn term. I hope that as CAST moves forward more Trust wide systems, we will develop further a common approach to recruitment. A great deal of analysis of this term's appointments has been already been done and if you have any queries about this please contact Diana Taylor, email: diana.taylor@plymouthcast.org.uk

I am looking forward to seeing Head teachers and Chairs of Governors at our conference on 16th June at Exeter Racecourse and am delighted that Rebecca Clark, the Regional Schools Commissioner will be joining us in the afternoon although I'm sorry to hear that she will be leaving this post in order to join the Ark Academy chain.

2. School Successes

St John the Baptist RC Primary School, Dartmouth has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark



Excellence in Science has been recognised at St John the Baptist RC School Dartmouth. The school has been awarded the Silver Award in recognition of the fantastic, hands on scientific opportunities offered at the school. Science lead Louise McCloungan commented that, 'The school is thrilled to receive the award. Science is such a wonderful subject and it is great that we are creating a passion for the subject right from when our pupils start school. We are creating the scientists of the future. If children enjoy science in the primary school then they are more likely to do well in it at Secondary level and go onto having careers in science.' She added, 'We are planning to take the whole school to the science museum in Bristol in June to celebrate this great achievement.'



Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said: "*Gaining a Primary Science Quality Award is a significant achievement for a school. The profile and quality of science teaching and*

learning in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure science understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud."

For more information, please contact Jane Turner PSQM Director, j.turner@herts.ac.uk
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St Nicholas Catholic Primary, Exeter

47 children from St Nicholas Catholic Primary performed at the Devon County Show on 19th May. This is the third year they have entertained show-goers on the Devon Music Education Hub stage and they gave a great performance.

Later that day they took part on a bread-making workshop with Warburtons and ended up baking their loaves with HRH Sophie, Countess of Wessex. The school received an email from Warburtons the next day, *'I would like to say we couldn't have asked for a better school to come to our stand when HRH Sophie was due, your school lit up the whole unit. They were very polite and fun to work with, they really were a credit to your school.'*



The Monday after that they took part in the Mass at St Rita's in Honiton to honour St Rita of Casia. Bishop Mark was lead celebrant and the children led a beautiful communion hymn. The Mass was broadcast world-wide via youtube was a wonderful opportunity for the children to be part of the wider community.

We are so proud of the children and the way they shared their gifts and talents with the community!

3. Children and Social Work Act 2017

The Children and Social Work Bill received Royal Assent on 27th April 2017 hours before the previous Parliament came to a close. The Bill has had a difficult passage and not all proposals survived the process. In particular, the controversial plan to allow local authorities to opt out of certain child protection regulations was removed long before Royal Assent.

The majority of the new Act relates to social work and will setup a new independent regulator to be called 'Social Work England'. Other sections of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 cover:

- promotion of the educational achievement of previously Looked After Children;
- the introduction of compulsory relationships education in primary schools;
- the introduction of relationships and sex education in secondary schools, which may take into account the 'religious background' of pupils

The content of the relationships and sex education programme is yet to be set, but will cover safety in forming and maintaining relationships, the characteristics of healthy relationships, and how relationships may affect physical and mental health and well-being.

All schools will need to ensure that there is a designated staff member for previously Looked After Children, which includes those who were cared for under a special guardianship order, and young people who have been adopted.

Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) will be abolished under the regulations in the new Act, and 'safeguarding partners' will instead make local arrangements for safeguarding and promoting welfare of children. Safeguarding Partners are the local authority, health commissioning groups and the police; and although the local authority might also include 'relevant agencies', education is not specifically mentioned.

The Act creates a national Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel (CSPRP) to look into serious child safeguarding cases in England which raise issues that are complex or of national importance.

The provisions of the [Children and Social Work Act 2017](#) will come into force at a later date.

4. Event Dates

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| 6 June | Admin Network Meeting – Central Area – St Boniface House |
| 8 June | Admin Network Meeting – East Area – Sir John Colefox Academy |
| 12 June | CAST Board of Directors meeting – St Boniface House |
| 13 June | Primary RE Leaders Meeting – Central Area – St Boniface House |
| 14 June | Primary RE Leaders Meeting – West Area – St Boniface House |
| 15 June | Strategic Importance of Governors – West Area – St John's School, Camborne |
| 16 June | Schools Summit Meeting – All Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors – Exeter Racecourse from 10am to 4pm, please book via the CAST website calendar. |
| 20 June | Governor Support Programme – Strategic Management – West Area – Lanhydrock Hotel |
| 20 June & 27 June | Governor Support Programme – Safer Recruitment Training – East Area – Kingston Maurward College |
| 21 June | Primary RE Leaders Meeting – East Area – George Albert Hotel, Dorchester |
| 21 June | Governor Support Programme – Strategic Management – Central Area – Exeter Racecourse |
| 22 June | Governor Support Programme – Strategic Management – East Area – Kingston Maurward College |
| 27 June | Admin Network Meeting – West Area – Lanhydrock Country Club, Bodmin |
| 28 June | Secondary Heads of RE – All Areas – St Boniface House, Ashburton |

11 July Achieving Excellence in a Catholic School – Head Teachers All Areas – St
Boniface House, Ashburton

All above events are now on our website calendar with live booking links
<http://www.plymouthcast.org.uk/web/calendar/273068>

5. Date of Next Newsletter: 14th June 2017



Kate Griffin
Interim Chief Executive Officers

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Ofsted Inspections since October 2016

East

St Catherine's, Bridport	Requires Improvement
St Joseph's, Poole	Good
St Mary's, Dorchester	Good
St Augustine's, Weymouth	Good
St Mary's, Poole	Requires Improvement
St Mary's Marnhull	Good
St Mary's Axminster	Requires Improvement

Central

Our Lady & St Patrick's, Teignmouth	Good
St Mary's, Buckfast	Good
St Joseph's, Exmouth	Requires Improvement
Priory, Torquay	Special Measures
Queensway, Torquay	Special Measures
Our Lady's, Barnstaple	Requires Improvement
St Margaret Clitherow, Brixham	Special Measures
Sacred Heart, Paignton	Good
St John's, Tiverton	Requires Improvement
St John's, Dartmouth	Good

West

Notre Dame, Plymouth	Requires Improvement
St Joseph's, Plymouth	Good
St John's, Camborne	Good
Keyham Barton, Plymouth	Requires Improvement
St Mary's, Penzance	Special Measures
St Mary's, Bodmin	Requires Improvement
St Peter's, Plymouth	Good
Cathedral, Plymouth	Good
St Paul's, Plymouth	Good
St Boniface College, Plymouth	Waiting Publication