

MILTON KEYNES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Spring Term 2000

RE SUPPORT IN MILTON KEYNES

You will probably be aware that since David Shepherd left the authority Milton Keynes has two people to provide support for RE. Danny Sullivan is working with primary coordinators and Jo Fageant is advising the local SACRE and secondary schools in the area. Jo also has a particular interest in the assessment of achievement in RE across all phases.

Danny can be contacted.....

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NON-STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A number of you will be aware that we have been waiting for some considerable time for the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority to publish its non-statutory guidance on RE. Although it is not yet available in book form, you can access it on the QCA website. When the books are printed, copies will be provided by the LEA for all schools. This guidance includes a suggested 8 level scale of achievement for RE. When the local syllabus for RE is reviewed, the inclusion of this scale will be considered. There is plenty of time between now and then for teachers to look carefully at the scale, try it out and offer informed criticism. Some people are already finding it is a powerful and helpful planning tool. Danny and Jo will look forward to discussing it with you.

In addition, the guidance provides helpful ideas about learning from religion and how it can effectively be intertwined with learning about religion. There are sample lesson plans and suggested classroom activities.

RESOURCES FOR PURCHASE

Danny and Jo have copies of two useful publications which you can purchase. The Shap Calendar of Religious Festivals costs £4.25.

Effective Subject Leadership in Religious Education published by the Association of Religious Education Inspectors, Advisers and Consultants costs £5.20.

If you would like to purchase either or both of these books please send details of what you want, your full school postal address and a cheque for the correct amount made payable to ODES Ltd for the attention of Michelle Longshaw, at Diocesan Church House, North Hinksey, Oxford, OX2 0NB

SCHEMES OF WORK FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Qualifications and Curriculum Authority is due to publish schemes of work for RE at key stages 1 and 2 later this term. This will be followed by ones for KS3. These do not mirror the locally agreed syllabus for RE exactly. However, much of this material will be very helpful.

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MAIN FESTIVAL DATES

3/3	Birthday of Sri Ramakrishna (H)
4/3	Mahashivratri (H)
7/3	Shrove Tuesday (C)
8/3 - 23/4	Lent (C)
15-18/3	Eid-ul-Adha (I)
19/3	Holi (H)
21/3	Purim (J)
2/4	Mothering Sunday (C)
5/4	Al-Hijra (I)
8/4	Hanamatsuri (B)
12/4	Rama Navami (H)
14/4	Baisakhi (S)

14/4 Birthday of Guru Nanak (S)
16-23/4 Holy Week (C)
20-27/4 Pesach (J)
23/4 Easter Day (C)
2/5 Holocaust Day (J)
17/5 Wesak/Bodhi Day (B)
1/6 Ascension Day (C)
9-10/6 Shavuot (J)
11/6 Pentecost/Whitsuntide (C)
14/6 The Prophet Muhammad's Birthday
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NEWS FROM SACRE

Report on this term's SACRE meeting and a list of representatives currently serving on SACRE.