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WELCOME to the latest issue of B-Comms, for schools and academies in St Benet's MAT.

B-Comms is our fortnightly newsletter that includes good news stories from our academies, operational updates, general information and a central calendar for training events across the Trust.

Don't forget to send in any news that you want to share, to the Editor at: suzannah.kay@stbenets.org.

Good News Stories

Archbishop Sancroft High School has been awarded Caring Together's Carer Friendly Tick Award (Education), in recognition of their work to identify and support young carers.

Rebecca Beaumont, Head of Student Support (Years 9, 10 and 11) said the Norfolk school was very proud to receive the award. She comments: *"It is really important to us that our young carers are supported and have their voices heard. We recognise that caring responsibilities impact on every aspect of young people's lives, not just their education, and so we take seriously our responsibility to support them every step of the way."*



The ASHS Young Carer's Christmas Tree



A school poster advertising the Carer's group

The Carer Friendly Tick recognises the valuable work done in identifying and supporting carers. To receive the award, organisations must meet a set of standards which were designed with carers, and which are assessed entirely by carers.

The school received the Carer Friendly Tick Award for reasons including the awareness of young carers being raised at assemblies and in Life Skills classes, they have a dedicated young carers noticeboard and a young carers champion.

Andy McGowan, Head of Carer Services at Caring Together, said: *"We know that young carers found it particularly hard during the COVID-19 pandemic. They told us that their education and mental health had been negatively impacted during the various lockdowns and restrictions. Schools and colleges taking the initiative to identify and support their pupils who are young carers is hugely important and makes a real difference"*.

"Therefore, we are very pleased to see Archbishop Sancroft High School having their work to identify and support young carers recognised by the Carer Friendly Tick Award. We want to congratulate them on this and to thank them for the work that they are doing which brings real benefits to young carers and their families."



A workshop for young carers at ASHS

The Carer Friendly Tick was originally developed for education by young carers from Caring Together's Norfolk Young Carers Forum (NYCF) project. It has now been rolled out across Norfolk, Peterborough and Cambridgeshire and includes community, health and employer awards.

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Vacancies

For vacancies at St Benet's MAT please visit: www.stbenets.org. Please email your vacancies to robyn.redman@donesc.org.

For vacancies at DNEAT, DoNESC and the Diocese of Norwich please visit: www.dneat.org or www.dioceseofnorwich.org.

Prayer for the Day

The Church of England have an app called Time to Pray, which releases a new prayer twice a day as a short podcast for you to listen to. Today's prayer can be heard [here](#).



Reminders

Kellogg's Breakfast Club

This year's Kellogg's Breakfast Club Awards aim to recognise schools all over the UK for the incredible role they continue to play in ensuring children are fed and ready to learn in the morning.

Share how your school has gone above and beyond over the last year and you could win £1000 for your breakfast club!

There are 12 regional categories across the UK, so why not nominate your school today and see if they are crowned the East of England winner? Plus, your school could **win a further £1000** as the overall winner!

Entries close **Friday 11 February 2022**. Shortlists will be announced on Monday 28 February 2022 and winning schools notified by email and phone by Monday 21 March. This year's awards ceremony will be hosted at the House of Commons to celebrate the winning breakfast clubs' amazing achievements and Kellogg's centenary milestone in style! If you have any questions about the Awards or would like the entry link, please email BreakfastClubUK@kellogg.com.

Press & PR

Our PR Officer, **Kate Morfoot**, should be your first point of contact for any press/media enquiries or if you have any good news stories from your academy which you would like to publicise. Her contact details are: **07803 590 728** (inc out of hours) and press@stbenets.org.

Footprints

Footprints magazine is circulated to all Diocesan schools and is a wonderful tool for communicating good work done by your academy. The latest edition can be read [here](#). Future issues will cover the following themes: February—pupil voice/race and ethnicity; April—churches and schools working together; June—vulnerable groups; September—life in all its fullness. If you would like your school to be featured in Footprints, please contact Holly Davy, PA to the Diocesan Director of Education, at holly.davy@dioceseofnorwich.org.

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Operational Updates

Safeguarding - Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support

Information for DSLs and Safeguarding Practitioners

The Trust works closely with the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) for advice and resources around online safety.

The SWGfL and Marie Collins Foundation have set up a support service to help professionals tackle harmful sexual behaviours. This service is funded by the Home Office and supported by the DfE and further information and help can be found here: <https://swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/>.

GDPR Update - Civil Action Case Against a School's Data Breach

One of the most common data breaches is sending information to the wrong email address and this is the top data breach across all academies in the MAT.

Recently a parent took a school to court when this happened to them and, while the Court case was dismissed, there was still a cost involved both financially and emotionally in terms of stress placed on the leadership team. The reason the case was dismissed was because the school took prompt and reasonable action as soon as they were notified of the mistake. The details of the case are shown below, and it is important that staff take time to check any data sent out - electronically, verbally or in hard copy—and if there is a mistake then carry out all reasonable steps to mitigate the situation.

Complete the online Data Breach Report (which sends the Trust DPO an email) and contact the Trust DPO, Sharon Money, on 07471 033539 if you have any questions or concerns.

In *Rolfe and others v Veale Wasbrough Vizards LLP* [2021], the defendants were instructed by a school to contact the first two claimants (the parents of a child at the school) to demand payment for outstanding school fees. The defendants sent an email including two attachments: a letter and a copy of the statement of account of the third claimant (the child). The email contained the claimants' names and home address, but no further details were included. The only financial details were the invoice for fees, which was publicly available on the School's website and the statement of account.

Due to a one letter difference in the mother's email address, the defendants sent the email and attachments to an incorrect recipient. The incorrect recipient responded promptly and on the same day indicating that they believed they had received the email in error. The defendants replied confirming this and asking the recipient to delete the email, which the recipient confirmed. The incorrect recipient and the claimants were not known to each other.

The claimants brought a claim for damages for the misuse of confidential information, breach of confidence, negligence and damages under Article 82 GDPR and section 169 of the DPA. The Court summarily dismissed the claims citing, amongst other things, that the claimants exaggerated and lacked credible evidence of distress and that the claim was speculative given its de minimis nature. In deciding the case did not have a "more than fanciful" prospect of success, the Court noted the minimally significant information which was shared, the prompt steps taken to ensure deletion of the misdirected email and that there was no evidence of further transmission or misuse of the information. The judgment in this case has been welcomed as a pragmatic response to a "trivial" claim involving a one-off email misdirection which was quickly remedied.

Training/CPD Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT/LOCATION	CONTACT
03 February	09.00-16.00	Subject Leader Update—Focus: tbc (HT to join 14.00-16.00) at Alburgh-with-Denton	Kelly Stokes kelly.stokes@stbenets.org
07 February	09.00-12.00	Maths Hub Day for Maths Leads—Embedding Mastery—location tbc	Laura Richardson l.richardson@diss.stbenets.org
21 February	13.00-15.30	Maths—Mastering Mastery in EYFS at Diss Junior	Laura Richardson l.richardson@diss.stbenets.org
28 February	15.30-16.30	Maths—Inclusive Mastery Practice (Newton Flotman, St Mary's, Tacolneston & Morley) at St Mary's Junior	Laura Richardson l.richardson@diss.stbenets.org
07 March	15.30-16.30	Maths—Inclusive Mastery Practice (Harleston, Alburgh-with-Denton) at Harleston Primary	Laura Richardson l.richardson@diss.stbenets.org
14 March	15.30-16.30	Maths—Inclusive Mastery Practice (Beacon Federation) at Dickleburgh	Laura Richardson l.richardson@diss.stbenets.org
15 March	09.00-16.00	Subject Leader Update—Focus: Moderation (HT to join 14.00-16.00) at Diss Infants	Kelly Stokes kelly.stokes@stbenets.org
21 March	09.00-12.00	Maths Hub Day for Maths Leads—Embedding Mastery—location: TBC	Laura Richardson l.richardson@diss.stbenets.org
16 May	09.00-12.00	Maths Hub Day for Maths Leads—Embedding Mastery—location: TBC	Laura Richardson l.richardson@diss.stbenets.org
18 May	09.00-16.00	Subject Leader Update—Focus: tbc (HT to join 14.00-16.00) at St Mary's Junior	Kelly Stokes kelly.stokes@stbenets.org
23 June	09.00-16.00	Subject Leader Update—Focus: Moderation (HT to join 14.00-16.00) at Diss Junior	Kelly Stokes kelly.stokes@stbenets.org
01 July	09.00-12.00	Maths Hub Day for Maths Leads—Embedding Mastery	Laura Richardson l.richardson@diss.stbenets.org

Diocesan Training - New Year Update

All training courses have been moved online for the foreseeable future. There are still spaces on the following courses. To book a place, visit: <https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/schools/training/>

2 February - Big Questions

7 February - RE Local Leaders

9 February - Introduction to the RE Quality Mark

21 February - Collective Worship Network – Distinctively Anglican and Prayer Spaces

8 March - Understanding Humanism – a Curriculum Resource in RE

16 March - Global Neighbours – An Introduction to this Quality Mark

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Spotlight on You

Tara Burrows has recently been appointed as Governance Officer with responsibility for St Benet's schools and academies.

Tara was born in Hove on the South Coast of England and grew up there, attending Aldrington CofE Primary School, which was handily situated right next door to her house, and then Cardinal Newman Catholic School and Sixth Form.

Whilst at school she enjoyed Science but a love of History was what led her to Norfolk in 2015.



After completing her A Levels she joined friends on a visit to Norwich to look round the University of East Anglia. She was immediately impressed by the location and by the famous ziggurat buildings overlooking the lake.

A further trip into Norwich city centre, where she was reminded of Brighton's famous 'Lanes', sealed the deal and she enrolled on a History degree.

As well as studying, the UEA was also where Tara met her future husband at a Christian Union meeting.

After graduation, and having decided that she wanted to stay in Norfolk, Tara started to apply for local jobs. She applied for

a role as Admin Assistant for DNEAT (the other Diocesan MAT) and started working for them in September 2018.

Tara explains that, *"I really enjoyed my time at DNEAT but I wanted to explore different areas of education"* which led her to apply for the Governance Officer role at DoNESC, which she started in September 2021.



Tara's role offers support to the St Benet's Governing Bodies including recruitment, clerking for Trust meetings and overseeing the Trust's Policies process.

Tara and her husband Nick enjoy walking, especially on the North Norfolk coast (where these photos were taken). They also enjoy entertaining friends, playing board games and Tara volunteers with a children's group based at her church in Norwich.

Tara is looking forward to getting to know the school staff and Governing Bodies better and meeting people face-to-face once all restrictions are lifted.

Tara can be contacted on tara.burrows@donesc.org or 07542 849490.

More Good News...

Alburgh-with Denton Pupil Brings Christmas Cheer

At Alburgh-with-Denton Primary School the pupils are taught about demonstrating Christian values and their core value for the Autumn term was Hope. Before Christmas one of their pupils, Ruben in Year 5, put some of these values into action.

Ruben's Mother writes, *"After a previous trip to Norwich with Ruben he saw the reality of just how many homeless people were out on the streets and it really touched him. We gave a little bit of money that day and Ruben was then very inquisitive and wanted to know more about why they were on the streets. We explained to him as best we could and Ruben started to say how lucky he was and straight away wanted to buy them all a gift."*

"We agreed to go and buy some chocolates and wrap them up nearer to Christmas and go back to hand them out. Ruben was so proud of himself as were we. The smile on his face knowing he'd brightened their day a little was lovely and they were very grateful."

We are very proud of Ruben for his lovely gesture.

