

St Francis CMAT July 2022 Bulletin

CEO Update

I know several of you are enjoying sports days and residential as well as school visits and events. Hoping they are all going well for you and the good weather holds for you and yours. Hoping times tables went really well.

On CMAT news, a number of major milestones to celebrate. For St Francis, I am delighted to say that we welcomed our 8th resolution and application from St Patrick's Bircotes aiming for a September start in the Trust. We hope to secure a slot on the DfE 6 July agenda. The St Francis schools TUPE consultation is underway having started very well at St Peter's 23 June, ably led by their Chair and Head with others scheduled into early July. Legal work is progressing well with full legal packs prepared and beginning to issue to schools for consideration and review. Delighted to have spent a very fruitful day in Armthorpe at Our Lady of Sorrows interviewing and recruiting to their Deputy and SENCO vacancies and a visit with Kev to St Mary's Maltby too.

Some great news for Kevin our CFO, but difficult news for the Trust. Kev has been successful in a new CFO appointment in Hull, so much closer to home and perfect for him and his young family. I know you will all join me in congratulating Kev in his new role. Still very sad to be losing such a key member of our team in the autumn. I want to reassure everyone we have a plan in place, and are in dialogue with recruiting companies already. Kev is keen to ensure we are set up well and handover sorted. We can source an interim to ensure handover if unable to recruit permanently for September. DfE are aware and looking to support us too.

Heads Forum

Our 8 St Francis Schools held an early Heads Forum face to face in Doncaster and online on 21 June. It was lovely to see everyone and begin to develop ideas for branding, logo and communications.

Ukrainian families arrive in our Diocese and our Schools

With the arrival/imminent arrival of new pupils joining our schools from Ukraine at St Joseph's Retford, please note for any Doncaster schools, the Council has promoted the following resources for families include a free welcome box (including a Lenovo tablet) for Ukrainian children aged 5-9, can be ordered by following the link here [register your interest to receive Bookmark Boxes for Ukraine](#). There are limited numbers, so please register your order early. Additionally:

- Children in Need have a bank of resources and organisations that can help with talking to children about Ukraine and Russia (mostly aimed at UK children, but useful to share) [Useful resources for talking about Ukraine and Russia - BBC Children in Need](#)
- Twinkl (resources for Primary School aged children) has a number of Ukrainian Dual Language Resources: [Ukrainian Dual Language Resources | EAL | Inclusion | Twinkl](#)
- For Ukrainian textbooks and schooling [Resources supporting Ukrainian children's right to education - Newsroom on Children's Rights \(coe.int\)](#)

Chairs, Governors, Heads Forum Mass

The next Chairs Forum is being extended to heads and governors to Mass to be held at St Peter-in-Chains on **Tuesday 5 July 18:30** All are very welcome. Sat Nav: DN1 2AA

St Francis Board

At our Board meeting on 22 June, we discussed the recent Advisory Board success and celebrated 8 resolutions. We considered our Draft TCAF grant application to go to DfE next week, and our finance

report and recruitment plans.

Feedback

We welcome and appreciate your feedback on the Bulletin. Do let us know if you have things you wish to share in a future edition.

Summer Food and Film

Is anyone interested in a virtual St Francis CMAT Book network, or has anyone got a good read or maybe film or TV catch up recommendation they might share for the next Bulletin? Please share your suggestions. I enjoyed catching a few catch up episodes of Nadiya Hussain's series on BBC Two: Time to Eat, meals for busy lives and hope to catch the new film/biopic about Elvis and Tom Parker - his manager, played by Tom Hanks which comes out 24 June.

DfE and Other Updates For Information:

- DfE have updated their guidance on loaned/gifted ICT equipment to pupils [Loaning devices to children and young people - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/loaning-devices-to-children-and-young-people)
- If reviewing or choosing a new phonics teaching programme on the DfE website has added 8 new programmes and one temporary-validated programme for Systematic Synthetic Phonics on 23 June. [Choosing a phonics teaching programme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/choosing-a-phonics-teaching-programme) and [Contact details for the validated systematic synthetic phonics \(SSP\) programmes - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-details-for-the-validated-systematic-synthetic-phonics-ssp-programmes) Support is available through the St Wilfrid's English Hub, the website has free resources and links to funding opportunities <https://stwenglishhub.co.uk/>
- If you have benefited from DfE Tutoring programme funding, please read this: [School-led tutoring year-end statement - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/school-led-tutoring-year-end-statement)
- Several DfE Official Statistics publications are due before the end of term: 28 June 12pm, for the Attendance figures during the pandemic; 5 July 09:30am for the National Curriculum KS2 tests (interim); 14 July 09:30am National Pupil projections and trends in pupil numbers; and 19 July 09:30am the National Tutoring programme courses and participation statistics to June 2022.
- Still current from last time: Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games resources [Sign up to access the Bring the Power pack](https://www.birmingham2022.com/games-resources)
- SEN Green Paper consultation extended by 3 weeks to 22nd July
- Attendance updated guidance May 2022 [School attendance guidance May 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/guidance/school-attendance-guidance-may-2022)