

St Francis CMAT June 2022 Bulletin

CEO Update

Welcome back from your half term. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break. I know many are returning with inset days, I hope they have been fruitful. Thinking of all those who are involved with the phonics and multiplication tables checks coming up, helping all those children shine, showing the skills, knowledge and understanding they have gained this year in your care. This term is one for transitions too, I hope the preparations for Y6s into secondary, moving up and engagement with nursery settings goes really well.

On CMAT news, a number of major milestones to celebrate. For St Francis, we welcomed 7 resolutions and applications by 24 May, and have 4 further schools in active consultation, all aiming for a September start. The related resolutions and applications x7 were sent to DfE 25 May securing us a slot on their 15 June agenda which you can see online. The 4, still in consultation are in line for the 6 July Advisory Board if they resolve and apply to do so. Papers will issue to DfE later in June.

Our sister CMAT St Clare's also made exciting progress, achieving their Academy Orders for 10 academies, and is launching their Phase 2 growth to their remaining schools/academies. The St Clare schools Phase 1 TUPE will also begin with a joint TU meeting on 8th June. On the agenda will be the CMAT updates, Trade Union Recognition Agreement and TUPE.

Heads Forum

It was lovely to see so many of you at the recent Heads forum. The session was recorded if you were unable to attend. Please note, the Zoom recording link has a limited shelf life, so please do contact Anita Bray abray@hallam-diocese.com if you would like a copy. The next Heads Forum is Wednesday 22 June at 10:00-11:00.

Ukrainian families arrive in our Diocese and Our Schools

As part of the Heads Forum we discussed the arrival and imminent arrival of new pupils joining our schools from Ukraine at St Joseph's Retford and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Bentley and St Joseph and St Teresa, Woodlands). Richard Hilton has attended related training recently and shared some excellent resources. Anita can share if you missed them.

Chairs Forum

The next Chairs Forum is being held on **Tuesday 7 June 18:00-19:30** chaired by Margaret Helliwell. All Chairs (or their nominated deputy) are very welcome. Another is scheduled 5 July.

Visits

It continues to be an absolute delight to visit your lovely schools. Huge thanks to St Joseph's Retford, Holy Family Worksop, St Peter's Doncaster and Our Lady of Mount Carmel for hosting. Kev has been out visiting too. We will not come unannounced but we warmly welcome your invitations. Looking forward to return visits to St Patrick's Doncaster and Our Lady of Sorrows, Armthorpe and some governing Board meetings now scheduled into July.

St Francis Board

At our Board meeting we warmly welcomed Tim Gillatt our new Director. Please see updated pen pictures on the website <https://hallam-diocese.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2022/05/St-Francis-Board-Pen-Portraits-May-22.pdf>

Doncaster City Status

Doncaster has won city status as part of the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! After an incredible bid with support from residents and businesses across the borough and the

region, Doncaster was given the honour along with 7 other locations. Read more on the Doncaster Council website [Doncaster becomes one of UK's newest Cities! - Doncaster Council](#)

Feedback

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

Summer Good Reads

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 June or July Bulletin? Please share your suggestions. I am looking forward to reading *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak.

Sheffield DocFest

Sheffield Doc/Fest (Sheffield International Documentary Festival) is a documentary and digital media festival held annually in Sheffield (since 1994). This year, DocFest runs from June 23-28. See the event programme for the 29th edition of the festival here: www.sheffdocfest.com. The Sheffield DocFest has five international documentaries making their world premiere. In solidarity with Ukraine a delegation of Ukrainian filmmakers and artists will visit Sheffield funded by the British Council to present their documentaries.

DfE and Other Updates For Information:

- School White Paper Webinar Event [RSC East Midlands & the Humber: Schools White Paper Tickets, Wed 8 Jun 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games resources [Sign up to access the Bring the Power pack](#)
- SEN Green Paper consultation extended by 3 weeks to 22nd July
- Attendance updated guidance May 2022 [School attendance guidance May 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- Oak Academy Ukrainian resources [Can I translate lessons into Ukrainian? \(thenational.academy\)](#)
- Multiplication Tables Check MTC Year 4 pupils between Monday 6 June and Friday 24 June. [Multiplication tables check - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- New teacher training and development opportunities have been announced by DfE. Funding has been extended for the National Professional Qualifications (NPQs), so that they remain free for teachers and leaders for the next two years. Two new NPQs are set to be introduced in Early Years Leadership and Leading Literacy to help every child get the best start in life and improve their reading and writing [Read more about NPQs and other professional development opportunities, including course information, guidance and information on how to sign up](#)
- Funding for Mental Health training in schools – grant opportunities available see: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/senior-mental-health-lead-training>

One from Kev... Summer Census deadlines

We are sure you all have this in hand, but the final return date for the DfE census figures is fast approaching: **Wednesday 15 June 2022**. The actual Summer Census date was Thursday 19 May. Next year for the calendar, the Autumn Census day is Thursday 6 October and return deadline is Wednesday 2nd November.