



### **Diocesan Director of Education - May Newsletter 2015**

I hope this newsletter finds you well and for primary colleagues, that SATs week is going smoothly for the children and for your staff.

#### **Heads & Chairs Briefings - Follow up**

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's Heads & Chairs briefings across the diocese. For those colleagues who were unable to attend, the presentations and information from the Education Team are available at the bottom of this newsletter to download and distribute to governor colleagues and staff.

**The dates for the Autumn term are now confirmed as 1st & 2nd October 2015 so do make a note in your diary of these dates.**

#### **Service Level Agreement 2015/16**

Thank you to those of you who have already returned your subscription form and payment for this year's Diocesan SLA. If you haven't returned your response form and cheques, a gentle reminder that the deadline is next Monday 18th May.

**The reply form can be downloaded at the bottom of this newsletter.**

#### **The Bishop of Rochester Academy (BoRA)**

The Diocesan Board of Education has withdrawn its sponsorship of this Church of England secondary academy in Medway. Read the statement about the changes to the sponsorship arrangements [here](#).

#### **Church of England Teaching School**

Congratulations to Bennett Diocesan Memorial School for being accredited as a national Teaching School. This is the first Church school in the diocese to be recognised as a Teaching School and is a significant achievement. We look forward to seeing the development of the Teaching School Alliance and its work with other Church and community schools across the diocese.

#### **Education Thanksgiving Service & Bishop's Garden Party**

A reminder that all Headteachers and Chairs of Governors are invited to attend our annual service of thanksgiving at Rochester Cathedral at 5.30pm on 24th June.

**Please confirm your attendance with Teresa Spearink in the Diocesan Office so we**

**can cater for numbers.**

We look forward to seeing you at the service.

Best wishes,



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