



NORWICH CATHEDRAL

Schools & Family Learning Department Newsletter

Winter 2020

Hello & very best wishes for 2020

It will be an 'ultra' exciting year here at the



Cathedral because Dippy the Diplodocus takes up residence in our Nave from 11th July - 31st October!

You can still book **FREE** 30 minute viewings in Sept/Oct with your classes.

Email us as soon as you can

on: schoolsadmin@cathedral.org.uk

(N.B. 45 pupils max per 30 min session.)

N.B. All school visits to see Dippy must be booked in advance with us!



We're sorry your visit to Dippy will only be a short one, but we have thousands to fit in!

You might wish to check out what other city venues are doing during Dippy's time in Norwich and plan more things to do in other places. A castle museum visit, city or riverside walk would be good!

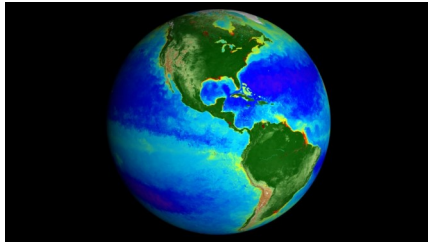
On your Dippy visit you will:

- Walk through the Cloister 'time tunnel' on arrival & if you arrive a little earlier than your allotted time, there will be activities in the Cloisters.
- You'll be welcomed in the Nave when you reach Dippy, then you'll do your own 'teacher led' self-guided walk around him
- Visit our craft table/reflective zone before leaving

In this issue...

- New Norfolk Agreed Syllabus for R.E.
- Try some stillness, philosophy & contemplation
- Get into Peregrines!
- Festivals & Global Christianity

The NEW Norfolk Agreed Syllabus 2019 has been launched! 'A Religious Education for the Future'



Download your copy from the Norfolk SACRE website. As you become familiar with it, do contact us for ideas and tips about delivery of Christianity, Islam, Judaism, philosophical approaches, world views, cross-curricular links, concepts & for pointers towards INSET training for R.E. leads & other teaching staff. [Read on here for more ideas...](#)

Philosophical, Theological, Contemplative, Meditative Activities for all Key Stages to Enhance Your R.E. & More...



There are a range of ways that we can help you to try challenging, sensory activities & workshops for all ages.

Within the chapels and other spaces at the Cathedral, **or in your school hall or classrooms**, we offer workshops that will get your children thinking, reflecting, philosophising, questioning & discussing.

We can link the approach to just about any topic/concept within your R.E. and more.



If you are looking to stretch imaginations and thinking so that children adopt a more **philosophical & theological style of enquiry, in line with the new Agreed Syllabus then why not have a chat to us about how we can help?**

Some of our most successful days with key stages 1,2 or 3 have used story telling, discussion, artefact handling, the portable labyrinth, 'stilling' & silence, creative crafts merged with meditative activities.

We have found that children of all abilities, including SEND respond exceptionally well to these approaches.

They are great springboards to developing your Art & creative English too.



Did you know?

The newer buildings at the Cathedral, though contemporary in design, mirror the original Monastic buildings used by the community of Benedictine monks who lived, worked & prayed here from the late C11th until 1538 when it was dissolved.



The Monastic Hostry was exactly the same size & shape. It was where the monks greeted guests who came to visit & washed their feet. They offered food and shelter.

The new Refectory café is the same size as the Monks' Refectory dining room was.

All the new buildings were build around existing ruins including a new reading room attached to our historic library **which is worth a visit!**



BIRD POWER



The amazingly elegant Peregrine Falcons should be back with us in the Spring. They have been returning to nest in their 'eerie' box on the spire for many years.



The trust keeps watch over the birds at their watch point in the Cathedral Close before and after the chicks hatch.

WHY NOT BOOK A PEREGRINE BASED SCIENCE DAY WITH US?

The trust teach about the birds, their habitats, life cycles, food chains and more, plus lots of learning about Christian symbolism of birds and more.

Tel: 01603 218320 or email:

headofschools@cathedral.org.uk

FESTIVALS WE LOVE BRINGING THESE ALIVE



- **Explore Easter around the world** as part of your learning about Global Christianity & why Easter is important to Christians
- **Pentecost & the Trinity**, delve deeper into the 'Holy Spirit' & its importance in Christian belief
- **Festivals in other faiths**, tell us which world faith celebration you wish to explore. This combines very well with pilgrimage around the world



A festivals package in your school or here at the Cathedral can be delivered across key stages and to multiple classes.
Email: headofschools@cathedral.org.uk for more information.

How much does it cost?

Our fee per pupil for in-school days is £3.50 plus mileage @45p per mile.

A Cathedral full day programme is £4.50 per pupil/half day £3.90 per pupil.



BE A MONK & EXPLORE YOUR LOCAL HISTORY

It really works when children actually feel they are walking in the footsteps of the monks here hundreds of years ago. **It also enables you to explore what prayer & worship mean to Christians.**

Picture Gallery, lots of fun & loads of learning.

Please post your pictures after visits by following us on twitter @cathedraledu



The medieval pilgrimage leader who led us from past to present on our journey in the Cathedral.



Dr Mandy Hartley explores water & rain... you could try one of these workshops! **N.B. SPACES AVAILABLE ON HER DNA SCIENCE DAYS HERE 17&18 MARCH!**



Dance & drama....this could be you!

Contact Us

Give us a call or send us an email for more information: **01603 218320**

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Visit us on the web at: www.cathedral.org.uk
(See 'learning', then 'school visits' pages, to download our brochures).

We'd like to know what **YOU** wish to explore with us & we are open to all ideas! Please let us know and do please pass this news sheet on to colleagues.

Thank you!



Challenging, science fun with 'Mini Professors'.

Hands on investigation & experiments

This was part of our Summer family fun day.

It is possible to book them for a science day here, ask us for information.

