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To: Head teachers, and teaching staff

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Dear Colleagues

By now you will have received your FREE copy of the story book 'One Step Ahead Jack' in your Norfolk Schools' Library service mailing. My thanks go to Keswick Hall Trust, whose grant funding made this possible.

Over leaf are details of an exciting competition...

Many schools are covering the inspiring story of WW1 nurse Matron Edith Cavell, our Norfolk and national heroine, as part of their NC History topic work on WW1, the history of their locality and when doing the unit about significant individuals—particularly Florence Nightingale, Edith Cavell and Mary Seacole.

I hope the story book will be an enjoyable resource for teachers to 'read out loud' to their classes as part of their introduction/follow up about Edith Cavell, and that it will enhance the children's knowledge and understanding of her story.

The delicate ending to the story, when Edith dies, can be difficult to approach with upper KS1 and KS2 pupils. This is why I have introduced the character of Jack, Edith's dog. He was part of her work during WW1 and she mentioned him a lot in letters and diary notes. **Jack's response to losing his best friend will I hope assist teachers and help them explore R.E. syllabus/spiritual development concepts about what Christians believe about death/eternal life/Jesus. There are many social, moral, cultural and spiritual links to be made throughout.** The book's content is as close as can be to Edith's biography.

Many schools have already taken part in our 'Edith Cavell Revealed' guided visit with classroom workshop about hospitals/Nightingale & Seacole here at the cathedral. They meet Edith, explore the building with her and hear her story—and they meet Jack in puppet form! It fulfils many R.E. and History learning outcomes.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER EXTRA COPIES OF THE BOOK FROM OUR SHOP. [E: giftshop@cathedral.org.uk](mailto:E:giftshop@cathedral.org.uk)

(Also available from Jarrolds, Norwich) Price: £6.99

To book visits or request an Edith assembly or 'Edith Cavell Revealed' session [in your school](#) please email me on:

headofschools@cathedral.org.uk or call me on 01603 218320. Enjoy the book!

With best wishes

Janet Marshall

P.T.O. FOR COMPETITION INFORMATION!





CHILDREN'S ART & POETRY COMPETITION

We have pleasure in announcing the launch
of this exciting competition for KS1 & 2.

**We invite your pupils to take part in
the BIG, 'Edith' art and
poetry challenge!**



We are looking for the best poems and art work (A3 size painting, drawing or collage design) based on the Story of Edith Cavell and her dog Jack.

ONE STEP AHEAD JACK

The winners will be invited to come to the cathedral on 18th May 2016 for an exciting morning of History/R.E. activities and a special book launch event in the nave . Prizes for best four KS1 and KS2 poems/art will also be presented.

This coincides with the re-dedication of Edith's grave at the cathedral in May which will received national and international press coverage

What to do.....

1. **Email Janet on: headofschools@cathedral.org.uk to register your interest .You will then be sent an information pack.**
2. Read and explore the book with your class, then plan your art/poetry entry based on the theme of the story/what it has meant to the children & what it says about themes such as: courage, faith, commitment, war etc.

We hope this allows you time to read the story and plan your entries, so we really hope you'll take part and get your school on the map. Winning entries and runners up will also be exhibited in the cathedral this Summer AND THERE'LL BE PRIZES!

