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To all Heads of RE and RE Co-ordinators Norfolk and Suffolk Schools

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Dear Colleagues

Belated New Year's greetings to you.

Events that you may find of interest over the next few months are as follows:

Keswick Hall Lecture 2004:

'Clever Devils and how to avoid them: a consideration of religion and education'

To be given by **John Keast**, specialist in religious and intercultural education at government level.

Friday 19th March 2004 at 6.30pm in Lecture Theatre 1, University of East Anglia

Admission is **free**

Further information from <http://comm.uea.ac.uk/events> or tel: 01603 591285

Symposium on 'Secular faith and education: the relationships between implicit religion, spirituality and schools'

This will take place at UEA on Thurs 20th May '04 from 2pm until 7pm. Speakers will include Canon Professor Edward Bailey, Director of the Centre for the Study of Implicit Religion and Contemporary Spirituality, and Linda Rudge, Director of the Keswick Hall RE Centre, UEA. A registration fee of £15 will be requested from attendees to cover refreshments and administrative costs (teachers will need to organise teacher supply cover). If you would like to attend or would like further information please do contact me.

RE Booster Knowledge Courses:

The Keswick Hall RE Centre will be running some RE 'booster' courses, supported by the TTA, from 5th until 16th July 2004. These will give a knowledge and understanding of the six religions already covered within our Bridging Programme i.e. Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism. Although the courses will be primarily for trainees already offered a place on the UEA PGCE there will also be the opportunity for teachers to 'buy into' some or all of it, at reasonable cost. Final details on course information, cost etc are not known as yet but if this is something that would interest you please do contact me and I will send you further details as soon as they are known.

Godly Play:

We are pleased to be able to let you know that Dr Shirley Hall will be running a Godly Play workshop here at UEA, on the afternoon of Friday 2nd July 2004 from 2pm until 4.30pm. If you are not familiar with Godly Play, information from Shirley is as follows:

Godly Play is a story telling method based on the Montessori tradition; it has been used in America for over twenty years and is now becoming well established in England. The Godly Play technique is based on creating a sacred space in which to present the stories of the Bible and Christian teachings, wonder about them together, and then allow the children open-ended opportunities to engage the story on their own terms. The stories are told very simply, with simple props, and without interpretation or moral instruction. After a story is presented, the children and the storyteller "wonder" together about aspects of the story that draw their interest. Follow up work in the classroom may take place as literacy or creative art. The Godly Play technique is especially effective in classes from Foundation to Year 3 and this style of storytelling is currently being incorporated in Foundation units written for the Suffolk Agreed Syllabus. It is also an excellent way of engaging with Attainment Target 2 ("Learning from Religion") in RE.

The cost is £45 and we have a limited number of places. Please do contact me if you are interested in attending or would like to find out more.

Keswick Hall Trustees:

Just a paragraph to 'flag up' that the principal aim of the Trust is the promotion of Religious Education and Christian Education in the three Anglican dioceses of East Anglia. Bearing in mind its original function as a teacher training institution, the Trustees endeavour to help the professional development of teachers, particularly through the work of the Keswick Hall RE Centre. They also give grants to people wishing to undertake research or higher degrees related to RE. If you are interested in finding out more please do contact the Executive Secretary, Jonathan Davis, at the Keswick Hall Trust, address as above.

Farmington Fellowships:

The aim of the Farmington Institute is to support, encourage and improve Religious Education in schools and colleges. Fellows are free to study any aspect of RE they wish, although preference will be given to applicants whose work can be seen to be of direct value to the teaching of RE in schools. The Fellowship will cover the cost of tuition, board and lodging where appropriate, essential travel and, by negotiation with the school, the salary of a replacement teacher. For one term, university-based, this will normally be based on the cost of a teacher in term time only, at a suitable point on the national scale. Find out more at the Farmington website www.farmington.ac.uk. Although the deadline date for 2004/05 applications is 9th February 2004 don't forget that this could be something to consider for next year. For further information please do contact Elizabeth Machin at the Farmington Institute, tel: 01865 271965 or Farmington@hmc.ox.ac.uk.

Well, I think that's it for now. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to find out more or would like to book a place on any of the events. I am due to begin maternity leave on 1st March '04 but there will be a temporary Centre Secretary in the office after that time.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely

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