

**NST Newsletter: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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**Free SIM Cards from Vodafone**

Just to let you know that the SIM cards have arrived today and Frances will be distributing them to you this week.



**Hundred Hearts Project**

Andy Jenkins has been in touch with details about the Hundred Hearts project; read on for further details about how your school could get involved:

*#hundredhearts is a project that started in St Paul's Church in West Bridgford but is now spreading across the city and county. The aim is for people and organisations from across the area to draw, make or create 100 hearts each. They can be drawn on paper, knitted, painted on tiles or stones – any format. The individual 100 hearts will be collected until the end of the pandemic with the aim of having a heart to remember every life lost in the UK to Covid\_19. Sadly, there is currently no deadline and the number of contributions required continues to rise.*

*There will then be a series of public events across the city and county displaying the hearts and including images, music and the spoken word.*

*After these events, a selection of hearts in a range of formats will be re-distributed to everyone who has contributed to keep / display as a memory. There will be no names attached, simply hearts.*

*Schools can send contributions of 100 hearts from individuals, classes, year groups or as a whole school.*

*I am happy to 'attend' assemblies (virtually at the moment but hopefully in person soon) to explain the project and show examples.*

*Completed 100 hearts can be sent to Rev Tim Fox, St Pauls' Church, Boundary Road, West Bridgford, NG2 7DB. We are also able to collect contributions if that helps.*

*If you want to discuss this further or have any suggestions or questions, please contact me at [andy.jenkins1310@gmail.com](mailto:andy.jenkins1310@gmail.com) or on 07412551911.*

### **Youth Mental Health First Aid courses coming up in January**

The following courses are coming up in the New Year. Please see the attached flyers for further details and booking information for the following 2 courses:

**Youth MHFA Awareness Half Day online course Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 9.30am-12.30pm.** This introductory three-hour session raises awareness of young people's mental health. It covers mental health issues affecting young people, such as depression and anxiety and the skills to support young people with these.

**Youth Mental Health First Aid online course – Starting Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January.** This is the online version of the full course to become a Mental Health First Aider. It is made up of 4 live sessions built around a Youth Mental Health First Aid action plan with self-learning activities in-between. Individual learning is based on a combination of videos, workbook activities and reading to be done at your own pace in advance of each live session. The live sessions cover a range of Mental Health issues as well as considering risk and protective factors, stigma and discrimination. Please note, to ensure a place booking required by the 20th December.

Please note that the cost of course materials will be covered by the NST, so there will be no cost to participants from your schools.

### **Teach First 'Leading Together' Programme – webinar taking place today!**

Leading Together is a fully funded school improvement programme for the whole senior leadership team, starting in April 2021. The programme offers bespoke support for the school; it's completely tailored to school need, providing an opportunity to learn and implement evidence-based best practice, and to accelerate the school's improvement strategy.

For more information please join our live webinar on **Monday 30 November, starting at 4.30pm.** This 45-minute event will give you the opportunity to:

- Learn more about the programme and wraparound support we're offering

- Hear from two of our Achievement Partners - experienced former headteachers, trained coaches and facilitators - about how they will guide and support you throughout the programme
- Ask any questions you have about the offer and how it can benefit your school

You can [register to attend here](#).

### **Christmas in the City online concert – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Please find attached a flyer from Ian Burton about the annual 'Christmas in the City' concert, which involves young people from nearly 60 schools! This event will take place online this year, on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm, and we have no doubt it will be as breath-taking as ever!

### **Active Notts Physical Education and Physical Activity Policy Training – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Pete Bevington has signposted us to this CPD session which Active Notts are delivering on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Places are going quickly so book in quickly if you would like to attend! Visit their website for further details/to book:

<https://www.activenotts.org.uk/events/2021/02/physical-education-and-physical-activity-policy-training>

### **Nottingham City SACRE - Collective Worship and Determinations**

There is an expectation that all community schools in the city are offering collective worship within the broad traditions of Christian belief as required by law. However, schools can apply for what is called a Determination if they feel that the proportion of collective worship which reflects the broad traditions of Christian belief as required by law is not appropriate for their pupils.

The determination procedure allows for this requirement to be lifted in respect of some or all of the pupils in a school. They are called Determinations because SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for RE) 'determines' whether the case being made in an application to modify the law for all or a group of pupils is appropriate.

A 'determination' only affects the character of collective worship. It does not affect the requirement for all pupils (apart from those withdrawn by their parents/carers) to take part in an act of collective worship on each school day.

Applications for determinations are made to SACRE by the Head teacher of any community school after consultation with their governing body.

Applications from community schools for a 'determination' should be made via John Dexter, [john.dexter@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:john.dexter@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

Please note that Academies need to apply to DfE Academies Division EFSA for a determination.

### **Virtual RSHE Good Practice Conference – 2nd March 2021**

Catherine Kirk has forwarded details of the virtual RSHE good practice conference, which is being hosted by Lead Equate TSA on 2 March 2021. Please see the attached flyer for further information and booking details. If you haven't yet accessed any of the DFE funded support options through Lead Equate or Flying High Partnership you can access £50 funding to access this conference.

### **Feedback for 'Time for Wellbeing' Calendar**

We're nearly at the end of November's '[Time for Wellbeing](#)' calendar and we would like to ask for your feedback on the calendar and resources.

Could you please take the time to complete the short survey both if you **used the calendar** or **didn't use it**, and even if you weren't aware of the calendar. The feedback will help us to shape future resources we create for teachers at Nottingham city schools. Here is the link to the Time for Wellbeing Calendar Feedback survey <https://bit.ly/TFWfeedback20>, it will **take three minutes to complete** and will be a great help to us.

If you're not familiar with the 'Time for Wellbeing' calendar, you can find out more on our [website](#). If you would like to join the mailing list to receive news about new resources, please add yourself to the [ChalleNGe mailing list](#).

### **Update from NCC Pensions Team re Exit Payments**

Please find attached an update from the NCC Pensions Team in relation to exit payments, which Carol McCrone has asked to be forwarded to you.

### **Additional MFL Network Meeting Focussing on International School Award Applications**

Following our autumn term MFL Network meeting it was agreed that it would be helpful to run a separate session for schools who would like some extra support with their International School Award applications. MFL and International Leads are welcome to join us for this session, which will take place online on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Please use this link below to book a place:

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mfl-network-meeting-international-school-award-session-tickets-129861494225>**

### **English Hub Showcase Events - Recruiting Wave 2 Partner Schools**

We are currently in the process of looking to recruit our Wave 2 partner schools to work in partnership with our Hub starting from September 2021.

After working successfully with 20 partner schools throughout this year and seeing the benefits our allocated funding can have and the difference our training can make, we are excited to be recruiting up to 10 new partner schools to join us next year. Please see below the benefits that your school may receive from joining us as a partner school in 2021;

- Funding potential of up to £6,000.00 per school across the academic year.
- A full phonics audit from a member of our auditing team and a bespoke Summary Action Plan will be created for your school as the end of the visit. Please note that this is to work with and alongside you.
- 6 Days of expert support and advice from one of our allocated Literacy Specialists across the academic year and cover costs funded by the hub.
- Free virtual training and events
- Access to CPD resources for staff at all levels

Please click on the link below to view the dates and register to attend;

<https://www.flyinghighpartnership.co.uk/english-hub/showcase-events>

Please note that we will require your school to complete the below self-referral form before attending the virtual event;

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4MQ8K0TtE06j7kRzuVcCGuombMRLNbFiN3-F7hzCKIUOFNCVEIMT1VBVFNJVkFORIY3NzFaSVNXSi4u>

If you have any questions or queries at all about how we can help support your schools, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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