



Welcome to the first newsletter of the Barnabas Teaching School Alliance – that's US !

As we begin a new school year, we are aware that as school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants and all school staff we are being called to muster all the courage and wisdom that we have to steer our way through a barrage of change in our educational landscape. It seemed wholly appropriate to choose a name that is synonymous with 'encouragement' * for a group of professionals who we hope will be able to do just that; supporting and encouraging each other as we discern what is best for everyone in our own schools, academies, counties and dioceses.

Since March, when we heard that Kingsland CE Primary had been delegated by the National College of Teaching and Leadership as a lead Teaching School, we have been:

- building the capacity to co-ordinate our alliance – Sue Green (EYFS/SENCo at Kingsland) will be managing the Barnabas Teaching School Alliance
- attending national training
- working collaboratively with Herefordshire's previously appointed teaching schools, Hereteach (Wigmore secondary) and Marlbrook Primary, Herefordshire LA and Diocese of Hereford so that we can work most effectively together for the benefit of all pupils
- revelling in end of term events and negotiating our way through new national assessments, financial pressureslike the rest of you !

Please note the Barnabas TSA email address: tsa@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk

We would really welcome suggestions of what we can do together, inspirational ideas and lots of encouragement to be shared. We can be just what you need us to be !

Angela Daniel

** Barnabas means 'son of encouragement'. It was given a name given to Joseph, an early Christian disciple, to spotlight his aptitude for supporting and building others up.*



The first '**BARNABAS LIVE**' event for school leaders will be held on
Tuesday 4th October 1.30pm - 3.30pm
@ Kingsland Bowling Club (next to Kingsland CE Primary)

Please aim to send at least one representative from your school

Agenda:

- national assessment data and school improvement - colleagues will share practical ways forward as we dig deeper and build up
- thoughts around two reports of the Independent Teacher Workload Review Group: 'Eliminating unnecessary workload associated with data management' and 'Eliminating unnecessary workload associated with planning and teaching resources'
www.gov.uk/government/publications
- ideas for making the Barnabas Teaching School Alliance effective

Future meetings will be held in other schools

School-to-School Support

Please contact us if your school would benefit from the support of a professional colleague / team with any aspect of school improvement. Beth Pritchard (SLE English) and Stewart Debenham (SLE Mathematics) have worked very successfully to play their part working alongside colleagues to move KS2 teaching and learning from 'RI' to 'Good'. Sue Green (SENCo /EYFS) is working with schools to secure best outcomes for SEN and EYFS pupils. Angela Daniel (NLE) has worked with school leaders to think outside of the box to discern priorities and apply strategies that lead to effective school improvement.

Further details www.kingslandceprimary.com / Teaching School/ School to School support

One of the best ways of encouraging each other is by talking, thinking, sharing frustrations and laughing together (emojicons don't quite do it):

Specialist Leaders of Education (SLE's) and Lead Teaching Assistants

There is a wealth of expertise, experience and enthusiasm in our schools and it would be great to pull that together to encourage and inspire each other:

A priority for the Barnabas TSA will be to identify and bring together staff in our schools whose practice across the curriculum, in its broadest sense, might impact on the education, in its fullest sense, of children and young people.

If you already have SLE's in your school please let us know and notify us of any members of staff who could, and would be willing, to make a difference. We shall forward details about the application process and there is excellent free training in coaching and mentoring available through Hereteach.

Does this matter to you?

We believe that there is work to be done in our area to promote equality and diversity in our schools. There are opportunities for groups of us to explore one or both of the following areas with government funding. Applications have to be made by 21st September. Please contact us as soon as possible if you or any of your staff may be interested. We could make a difference !

'Leadership Equality and Diversity' which could relate to any of the following: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

'Women Leading in Education' regional networks to support women with career progress, helping to overcome unconscious discrimination, sharing effective practice and coaching and mentoring.

Contacting us: Tel. 01568 708436 – ask for Angela Daniel or Sue Green (Tuesday and Wednesday mornings are optimum)

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