

# Rochester Cathedral

## Education Department

### Autumn Newsletter 2009

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#### Greetings From The Education Office

*We hope that term has started well for you all. Before we know it, it will be time to dust off the manger and the tinsel and begin rehearsing for nativity plays and carol concerts!*

*Here at the Cathedral term has begun with a bang with all three Science / Maths Creation Disco Days being sold out. Details of our next Creation Discos to be held in January can be found in this newsletter. We've also included news of special events and happenings, new programmes on offer and updates on improvements to our ever popular AspiRE Days. Don't forget, we are always happy to tailor make programmes to match your needs exactly. Please call any time.*

*Best wishes for a fun filled term,*

*The Education Team*

#### Special Schools

##### **Bible Stories in Cockney Rhyming Slang**

On 14th October we were visited by 6 special schools taking part in an inspirational Bible Stories in Cockney Rhyming Slang workshop led by Keith Park. The Cathedral stones echoed the shouts of nearly 100 students and staff as Keith introduced us to Samson the well 'ard geezer, Isaac@Tesconet.com and a whole host of other familiar Bible folk. You wouldn't Adam & Eve it!

*Keith's brilliant book is available from Amazon.*



##### **What's New at the Cathedral?**

A free twilight session, "What's new at the Cathedral" is being offered to teachers from special schools 16.15—17.15 on Wed 11th November. Please contact Helen for details.

#### AspiRE Days **KS1 & KS2**

AspiRE Days are offered from September to February. Pupils undertake two workshops plus a Cathedral trail sheet / workbook (or time for sketching). The day concludes with an optional act of worship.

**Key Stage 1 workshops:** Stories in Glass, Role Play Baptism, Poor Man's Bible, Tile Printing, History Detective, RE Mini-tour.

**Key Stage 2 workshops:** Stories in Glass, Monks, Pilgrims, Poor Man's Bible, RE Mini-tour, Reformation Trail.

Full details of all workshops, worksheets and trails are available on the website.

**Cost £3.45 per pupil.**



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## Creation Disco Days Winter 2010

15th, 22nd & 29th January 2010

A day of creativity and discovery. Explore the Cathedral using science and maths skills. Meet Bishop Gundulf and discover the physics of building; explore the science of sound in the crypt; create your own tessellated tile pattern; find out how the sun impacted on medieval monastic life; investigate the nave using mathematical skills.



The day ends with an organ demonstration and talk from the Cathedral's Director of Music.

Creation Disco Days are suitable for all KS2 students and cost just £3.95 per pupil.

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Phone Helen on 01634 810066 to book.

### New—History at KS1

#### History Detective

A brand new 30 minute tour looking for clues to show how the Cathedral has changed over time. Different arch shapes, ruined buildings, missing sections of wall paintings are all useful pieces of evidence. We play detective as we explore the Cathedral's history. Links in well with a visit to Rochester Castle.



### New—History at KS2

#### The Reformation Trail

Explore the Cathedral with Prior Walter, the last Prior of Rochester, to find out what the Tudors did for us! A change of name, a new build, displacing the monks and a bit of redecoration all form part of the picture at this most turbulent time in the Cathedral's past.



### Holiday Activities

#### BRASS RUBBING

Tuesday 27th October 10.00—15.30

Drop in and try your hand at brass rubbing.  
*No charge—donations welcome!*



Family Audio Guides & a selection of **free Trail Sheets** are available at all times from the welcome desk.

### Please Note

If you are planning to visit the Cathedral remember to contact us first! This is a very busy building hosting around 17,000 school visits each year alongside numerous special services and events. Un-booked groups sadly often have to be turned away.

**For more information about visits and activities please call Helen on**

**01634 810066**

**or email**

**assistofficer@rochestercathedral.org**

### Uniformed Groups



Over 50 Cubs joined us on the evening of 7th October for an action packed "My Faith Badge" evening. Plans are underway for Brownie, Beaver and Cub events in 2010. Please visit our website for the latest information.

**Visit the Educational Visits pages on our website to explore our full programme for visiting schools, families and youth groups.**

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