

Rochester Cathedral

Education Department Spring Newsletter 2009

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Greetings From the Education Office

Welcome to our first ever newsletter! Its aim is to keep you up to date with exciting developments for schools and families here at Rochester Cathedral.

Last year the Cathedral embarked upon a plan to improve interpretation with the backing of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This has allowed us to begin to expand our provision for schools, families and youth groups, as well improving the experience for general visitors. This newsletter outlines new initiatives from the Education Department. Full details of the “Ancient Stones, Untold Stories” Interpretation Project can be found on our website www.rochestercathedral.org

Best Wishes,

Liz & Helen

Family Drop in Workshops

With HLF funding the Cathedral is now able to host drop in workshops for families during the school holidays.



Our next workshop

Design Your Own Heraldic Shield

will take place on
Tuesday 17th Feb 10.30—14.30

Full details can be found on our website

Under Construction!

We are restructuring the Education pages on our website. The new look pages will be divided up into key stages and will give details of activities and work books on offer at the cathedral .



A Teachers' Page will give all the information needed to plan a successful trip to Rochester.

“A Day in the Life of a Medieval Monk” will take you on an illustrated journey through a monks day—suitable for use in class.

Work should be completed soon.

**You can contact Rochester Cathedral Education Department by phone on
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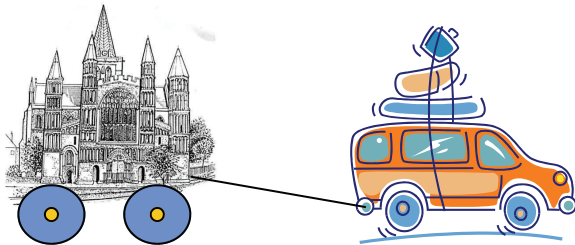
New Handling Box

We are currently in the process of putting together a handling box for use by **KS1** visitors and **special schools**. The box will contain a variety of artefacts and tools to enhance your visit. Mirrors will help children view ceiling bosses and green men, binoculars will bring high up objects into focus. When you book the box you will be able to select from a menu of objects for inclusion from: candles to crosses, Bibles to baptism bits, shells to smells, we'll pack the box to meet your requirements. The box will also include large print photos and discussion / activity ideas for use with small groups.

We hope to have the box available for use after Easter.



Cathedral to Go!



*Not able to visit the Cathedral?
Wish it could come to you?*

Well we've got some GREAT news for you. The Cathedral Education Team are now occasionally able to make "house-calls" to our nearest Kent & Medway schools. Because of the busy nature of the Cathedral this service will only be available at certain times of the year. Programmes on offer include **Citizenship** and **Stories in Glass**. A free assembly is normally offered as part of the package. Full details will appear on our website soon.

Uniformed Groups

The Education Team are planning a new programme of day and evening badge events for uniformed groups (e.g. Cubs & Brownies). Details will be posted on the website soon.

Business as Usual

As well as all of the new exciting developments we continue to be just as busy with our regular activities.

Thanks to a kind donation from Young's Hire we now have costumes for all in our **Key Stage 1** Role Play Baptism Activity.

We are happy to announce that "Heraldry" has now been added to the **Key Stage 2** activity list.

A recent **Key Stage 3** visitor commented that the Cathedral was, "More fun than London Zoo!"

Details of all activities and worksheets can be found on our website, and don't forget we are happy to tailor make a visit to meet your requirements exactly!

Please Note

If you are planning to visit the Cathedral remember to contact us first! This is a very busy building hosting around 16,000 school visits each year alongside numerous special services and events. Un-booked groups sadly often have to be turned away.

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