

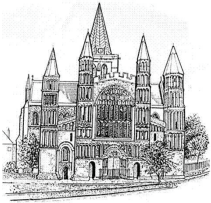
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### *Greetings from the Education Team*

As we move from our glorious Indian summer into the cooler autumn days our thoughts are turning to Christmas and even 2012. In this newsletter we give a round-up of forthcoming events and special seasonal programmes as well as news of our exciting new Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) development.



2012 will be a big year for the cathedral, with, amongst other things, events celebrating Dickens bi-centenary and the Olympics as well as the appointment of a new Dean (Senior Priest in the Cathedral).

Have a good autumn break and best wishes for the coming term,  
Liz and Helen

**Cathedral News**— Following the successful completion of **Ancient Stones, Untold Stories**, our 3 year / £1m, HLF programme, we were very pleased to hear that

we have been awarded the first stage of a £3.2m grant from HLF for our new programme **Hidden Treasures, Fresh expressions**. A major part of the project will give full access to the crypt, quire and library for mobility impaired visitors as well as allowing visitors to experience many major treasures and important historic documents which are currently stored away. The education department will be creating new programmes, resources, handling boxes and outreach projects as part of the development.



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**The National Lottery**<sup>®</sup>  
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**Christmas / Epiphany Programme**—



Although Christmas still seems a long way off it will be here before we know it! We have a range of Christmas / Epiphany related offers this year. On 21st, 25th and 28th November we have our Foundation / KS 1 Christmas Activity Days in the cathedral, 10.15—14.30, 4 workshops and nativity tableau (£4.50 per pupil. Max. 4 classes per day). For those schools within a 30 minute drive of the cathedral we offer F / KS1 Christmas outreach, two workshops chosen from drama, dance or music plus a final nativity tableau (2 hour session for up to 60 pupils/ 2 classes, £150 per session). Finally, come for an hour in January, do our nativity / Epiphany treasure hunt and visit the crib (£2 per pupil). Add another Christmas workshop or regular programme workshop for an additional £1.40 per pupil.



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## KJV400



To celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible this year Rochester Cathedral, in partnership with renowned artist / calligrapher Nick Stewart, is mounting an innovative art exhibition. Using phrases from the King James Bible, Nick, 9 A-level art students from Medway / Kent and a cathedral volunteer, have created a stunning display using just ink, bleach and water. The exhibition runs from Saturday October 22nd to Friday 4th November in Rochester Cathedral crypt, 10.00—16.00 most days (closed during services). As well as our normal Tuesday family drop-in session we will have an activity related to the exhibition running in the crypt each weekday during the autumn school break.

## Special Schools Update

As part of the cathedral celebrations for the bi-centenary of Dickens' birth in 2012 we are running "Dickens" themed drama workshops for special needs schools on Wednesdays during May. SEN specialist and author Keith Park will run these half-day noisy, boisterous, exciting and entertaining workshops giving pupils a new insight into Dickens and his works. Funding has already been secured for these workshops and SEN schools are invited to contact us on a first-come, first-served basis.



## Uniformed Groups

Forthcoming events:

**Cub My Faith Badge Day—**  
Sat 3rd March 2012



For details of this event please call  
01634 810066.

## Deposits

For our special events (e.g. our Creation Disco Days / Christmas activity days) we will in future require a 50% deposit at confirmation of booking. This will be non-refundable unless the slot is filled by another school.

Any cancellations within 14 days of booked visits will incur a cancellation fee. Please see website for full details.

## Holiday Activities



### BRASS RUBBING ...

....on most Tuesdays during school holidays—check the website for full details. 50p per rubbing.

### FAMILY FUN DAY


Our next family fun day will be Saturday 18th February. More details on our website nearer the time.

### FAMILY AUDIO GUIDES

Explore the Cathedral with Eggie the Eagle and meet characters from the Cathedral's past. £3 per guide. Available from the welcome desk.

### TRAIL SHEETS

Our Cathedral I Spy sheet is available from the welcome desk. A selection of other sheets may be downloaded from the cathedral website [www.rochestercathedral.org/education/family-visits](http://www.rochestercathedral.org/education/family-visits)

 SpiRE Days: During November—end of February come along for our whole day visit during which you do two of our workshops, a workbook or trail, concluding with an optional act of worship in our crypt chapel. £4.50 per pupil, no charge for accompanying adults.

## Please Note

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

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

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