

# Schools Newsletter



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## Greetings!

It doesn't seem that long ago since I was wishing you a happy Easter - one royal wedding and the beginning of the assessment period for schools and we are at half term already. I am coming up to 4 months in role now and I just wanted to record my gratitude to you all for the warm welcome I have had, either when visiting your school or in the many meetings I have attended. I am constantly struck by the hard work and commitment of everyone I have met and the real determination we have for the children and young people of Cambridgeshire to succeed.

I wanted to flag with you the chance to meet with the Directors for Social Care and Early help on the 19th June - full details can be found here. This is a great opportunity to hear about developments in these service and ask questions. Also included later in this newsletter are the latest papers from the Children and Young People Committee - there are some important messages in here about school place planning across the county and how important financial management and whistleblowing processes are.

I trust you will have a pleasant and restful half term and take care in the sun!

John Lewis Service Director - Education

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## SEND Local Offer



Services and support available for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) from birth to age 25 and their families.

## The Cambridge Festival of Education

Headteachers and Principals are being encouraged by Jonathan Lewis to buy tickets (£25) for their teachers for The Cambridgeshire Festival of Education which takes place on Saturday 9th June at The University of Cambridge Faculty of Education; "The Cambridgeshire Festival of Education is an exciting and optimistic celebration of teachers and teaching in Cambridgeshire. Supported by the Cambridgeshire School Improvement Board this is great value CPDL. There's a great list of speakers and workshops and headteachers could consider buying a group set of tickets so that teaching teams can go along together! Tickets are on sale now and available from [www.cambsedfest.com](http://www.cambsedfest.com) "Jonathan Lewis, Service Director of Education Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.



## School Governance Team Training and Support Survey 2018

The School Governance Team is reviewing some of its training arrangements and want to make the sessions accessible to all governors, headteachers and clerks and would appreciate your feedback.

In order to evaluate the training and support provided by the School Governance Team would you please complete a short survey via the link below (this should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete):

Find the survey [here](#).

This feedback will enable the Governance Team to review service delivery to make any relevant improvements to the services provided. Please note that individual schools will not be identified in a final report and that some respondents may be contacted to follow up comments made. The

## Current Safeguarding Themes for Schools to Consider

1. **Bullying and Cyber-Bullying** - links to ICT acceptable use policies and NSPCC resources.
2. **Children Missing Education** - the relationship between CSE and children missing from school, short and longer term risks, together with related policies and procedures.
3. **Gangs** - the definition, risks and indicators of young people entering gangs to be included in school policies relating to 'Children Affected by Gang Activity and Serious Youth Violence'.
4. **Head lice** - schools should be tackling head lice in the knowledge that persistent failure to treat a child for head lice could indicate other welfare issues.
5. **Mental health** - schools can use the MindEd online learning tool and the Ask Normen information resources to support students/pupils that may be suffering mental health issues.
6. **Young Carers Needs Assessment** - new regulations and how to notify about Young Carers.

Chris Meddle and Diane Stygal - Education Advisory Team

## Basic maths premium pilot - last chance to opt in!

The Department for Education has invited you to participate in the basic maths premium pilot.

If you would like to be included in the pilot, please let us know by **Friday 25 May 2018** via the on-line survey. If you do not opt-in by this date, you will not be included in the pilot allocation.

## Complete your Asbestos Management Assurance survey on-line

You will recently have received an on-line survey on Asbestos Management at your School from The Education & Skills Funding Agency. It is essential you complete this before mid-day on **Thursday 31 May 2018**. Please ensure you use the Live date which is located at the bottom of the register.

As you will all be aware, Cambridgeshire uses an on-line management system call **Frontline**, to which each School has individual access. Frontline will provide you with 80% of the information required to complete the survey. In addition, we will support by going through the survey with you and ensure that the information you provide is accurate and up-to-date.

Our contact details for support are: [Philip.Hill@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Philip.Hill@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) T: 01223 699120.  
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## Physical Education guidance - Ramadan and Physical Activity

Ramadan began on 15th May 2018 and will last a month.

This year, Ramadan coincides with midsummer. The combination of long days, higher temperatures and examinations adds pressure to young Muslims.

Ramadan can present a range of health and safety implications within a PE programme. Particular care needs to be taken around the risk of dehydration and fatigue and staff must be vigilant. Younger students may have lower concentration levels if fasting and care should be taken in maintaining a safe working environment.

The Association for PE offer good advice [here](#), and general information about Ramadan can be found [here](#).

## New appointments

**Elsworth C of E VA Primary School** has appointed Rhian Bond to the post of Headteacher, with effect from September 1st 2018.

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**Barnabas Oley C of E Primary School** has appointed Michelle Downes to the post of Headteacher, with effect from September 1 2018.

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**St Luke's C of E Primary School** has Andrew Hastings as its Acting Headteacher this term.

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**St Paul's CE Primary School** has Caroline Peet (Headteacher at Queens Federation) as its acting Headteacher this term.

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## Horizon scanning

School News ([@schoolsontap](#)). Post 16: basic maths premium pilot information [here](#).

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STEM Learning ([@STEMLearningUK](#))

The [Year of Engineering](#) aims to inspire the next generation of innovators, inventors and problem solvers. From resources to design challenges, discover how you can bring engineering into your school or college.

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### The outcome of the consultation on QTS. Key aspects:

- New teachers will now spend two years in an induction period, where they can receive extra support and professional development. The DfE is considering a badging scheme for schools to show they are meeting the standards for continuous professional development, as well as an accreditation procedure for the groups that oversee teacher training.
  - The DfE has announced a £5 million sabbatical fund will become available, and that it will be on offer to experienced teachers to take time out for activities "such as a year working in industry relevant to their field". [Full details here](#)
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### Children in need of help and protection: call for evidence

The DfE is running a survey to try to understand what it is that makes the difference to the educational outcomes of Children in Need in practice, how some Children in Need can achieve better educational outcomes than others, and what works in enabling Children in Need to achieve their potential. More details, and the online survey, can be found [here](#).

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Ambition School Leadership have recently published a document outlining what makes an effective multi-academy trust, and partnerships.

<https://www.ambitionschoolleadership.org.uk/research-and-insight/what-makes-effective-mat/>

## Health & Safety Guidance - reminder

In April all school should have received an email informing them that all health & safety guidance will now be hosted on a Huddle Website. The email include details of how to login to the site, as yet many schools have not signed up. The email was sent to the generic office@ address. If you have lost the email or not seen please contact [Stuart Wood](#) or [Sarah Knott](#) and a new email can be sent or the contact details be changed.

## A chance for teachers to contribute their views on housing

The cost and availability of housing is an issue for newly and recently qualified teachers in Cambridgeshire. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority are running a series of regional 'visioning workshops' for local housing development, hoping to give residents of the county a voice in the future of local housing development - results will be shared with local councils and the Cambridgeshire-Peterborough Combined Authority.

To register and learn more, type the following link into your internet browser and provide the password 'vision2060':

<https://goo.gl/bDbJN5> Arbury Community Centre, Cambridge CB4 2LD 29 Jun 16.15 - 19.00

<https://goo.gl/BAPhME> The Boathouse, Wisbech PE13 3BH 03 Jul 16.15 - 19.00

All ATF's for the new Reception Intake have now been uploaded to the S2S. If you can't see your file, then please contact the IDO team on 01480 379859 or email [ido@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:ido@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

## Peterborough Governor Conference 16 June 2018

If your school subscribes to the Cambridgeshire School Governance Training and Support SLA, then governors are welcome to attend the half-day Peterborough Governor Conference on Saturday 16 June, 9.30am - 12.30pm, Hampton Gardens, at no extra cost. Click [here](#) to find a flyer with more information, including how to book a place.

## Training Courses, Events and Conferences

For a list of all current training courses provided by the Local Authority and Teaching schools [click here](#).

### [Workshop 7 Health and Safety](#)

Thursday 24 May 2018, 09.30 to 11.30, South Fens Business Centre. £60 for maintained schools. £70 for academies.

### [CambsEdFest](#)

Saturday 9 June 2018, 08.45 to 17.00, - Cambridgeshire Festival of Education at the University of Cambridge Faculty of Education, Hill Road, Cambridge. £25.

### [Secondary Heads of Science Meeting](#)

Monday 18 June 2018, 13.30 to 16.30, Swavesey Village College. No charge.

### [Primary Science Network Meeting](#)

Tuesday 26 June 2018, 16.00 to 17.30, Meridian Primary School, Comberton. No charge.

### [Primary Science Network Meeting](#)

Wednesday 27 June 2018, 16.00 to 17.30, Highlees Primary School, Peterborough. No charge.

### [Discovery Teaching School Alliance - SEN Conference - OPENING DOORS](#)

Friday 6 July 2018, The Marriott Hotel, Hinchingsbrooke Business Park, Kingfisher Way, Huntingdon. Speakers to include Professor Barry Carpenter CBE, OBE, PhD, Professor of Mental Health - the conference will be a treat for all involved in Special Educational Needs.

### [There must be an app for that.... Using I pads to improve learning in PE](#)

Friday 22 June 2018 - 13.15 to 16.15 - Fulbridge Academy, Peterborough.  
This course is for all teachers in primary and secondary schools who wish to explore the possibilities for using I pads to enhance learning in PE.

### [Trampoline - Refresher Course](#)

Monday 2 July - 09.00 to 15.30 - One Leisure, St Ives.  
Participants will receive practical advice about the best method for structuring and organising a lesson. Participants should hold a BG trampolining teaching award.

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