

Schools Newsletter



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Greetings!

I would like to introduce you to an exciting initiative funded by Erasmus+ that promotes best results in academic attainment for all learners, boosts the participation of families and community in school life and improves social cohesion. [STEP4SEAS](#) is based on extensive global research which demonstrates that Successful Educational Actions (SEAs) have a positive and sustainable impact on attainment and inclusion, irrespective of the demography and context of a school.

Cambridgeshire schools have been implementing SEAs with partners around the world and the Cambridgeshire School Improvement Board is hosting a national seminar to share the successes and lessons learnt to date. It is an excellent opportunity for colleagues from across the sectors to get involved with STEP4SEAS. Come and find out how you can access free CPD, support and resources - reserve your place at creds@cambridgeshire.gov.uk for The National STEP4SEAS Seminar, Tuesday 12 June 2018, 09.00 to 12.30 at Trumpington Community College CB2 9FD.

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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.

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EHC Needs Assessment Application Form

SEND Services (0-25 years) have revised the application form for EHC Needs Assessments for use by schools, settings and families. The aim is to reduce the time it takes to complete the form for all stakeholders and to streamline the information needed in order that the panel can make an informed decision. The revised form is available on the Local Offer at [here](#) or can be obtained direct from your school's link practitioner or SAT. Please use the new form if you are planning on submitting an EHC application and let us know what you think via Rebecca.Doyle@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Winner of the 2018 Read It Again Cambridgeshire Children's Picture Book Award

The winner of the 2018 Read It Again Cambridgeshire Children's Picture Book is Nicola Senior for *Wolfie's Secret* (published by Faber & Faber). The Award Ceremony took place on Wednesday 23rd May and was held in The Clay Farm Centre, Trumpington, Cambridge. Cambridgeshire Libraries thanked Cambridge City Council for the use of the venue. Authors and Publishers' Representatives for four of the six shortlisted books attended the event and delighted an audience of 150, including children from 7 local schools, by talking about, and signing, their books. Unfortunately Nicola was unable to attend the Ceremony, however she sent a lovely acceptance speech to be read out. The 2016 Read Again Award winner, Matty Long, presented the trophies, and Michael Whaite and Robert Starling sent a short film each in lieu of a personal appearance. The award has been variously described as "amazing", "inspirational", "fantastic", and "wonderful" by shortlisted authors over the years and many teachers regard it as one of the literacy highlights in their teaching year. The other titles on the shortlist were:

Beyond the Fence by Maria Gulemetova

Superbat by Matt Carr

Diggersaurs by Michael Whaite

Henry and Boo! By Megan Brewis

Fergal is Fuming by Robert Starling.

For further information, please contact [Sue Batchelor](#), Community Participation Officer, Cambridgeshire Libraries.

CCS - timelines for tendering

The closure of CCS was announced on 26 February this year following a decision by the Council's Commercial and Investment Board, therefore, CCS will cease trading by December 2018. As you are aware the service will not be providing school meals catering/cleaning after the 26 October, therefore, CCS are advising schools to have an alternative provider in place preferably by 1 September 2018 or by 26 October 2018 at the latest. It takes a minimum of 8 - 10 weeks to procure an alternative provider, so schools need to be undertaking the tender process in June if they would like a supplier to start with effect from 1 September. We are encouraging schools to commence the tender process as soon as possible, so September provides some additional time in the event there are any delays in the tender process.

A number of schools have already asked LGSS Procurement to support them with finding an alternative catering and/or cleaning provider, as LGSS successfully provided similar support in Northamptonshire with the closure of Nourish. If you do require support from LGSS Procurement Team, then please would you contact [Ruth Grehan](#), Senior Procurement Manager as soon as

possible, so Ruth can schedule the work. Alternatively, for Peterborough schools, please contact [Melanie Johnson](#), Procurement Manager, Procurement, Peterborough Serco Strategic Partnership.

For those schools looking to take the catering and/or cleaning service in house, then there needs to be reasonable time and opportunity to consult and inform employees on the potential transfer. As a guide, 30 days is generally accepted by all parties. Please email ask.ccs@cambridgeshire.gov.uk if you are looking to proceed with taking the service in house, so LGSS HR can schedule the work.

If you have any questions, require TUPE information or you're struggling to source a catering and/or cleaning provider, then please email ask.ccs@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Education and Skills Funding Agency Asbestos Survey (AMAP)

Cambridgeshire County Council will be completing the above survey direct on behalf of all Maintained and Voluntary Controlled Schools.

We will of course still offer our support to all other Schools in Cambridgeshire.

The deadline for submission has been extended to the 25th June 2018.

The Property Compliance Team may contact you if they require further information on your School.

The team can be contacted on Property.Compliance@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

[Philip Hill](#), Compliance Team Manager, Asbestos and Legionella Co-ordinator, Compliance Team Manager.

PREVENT

PREVENT is part of the governments Counter Terrorism Strategy with four objectives to;

1. PREVENT people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.
 2. PURSUE radicalisers and terrorists to stop terrorist attacks.
 3. PREPARE responses to mitigate the impact of an attack.
 4. PROTECT people through strengthening protection against attack.
- It is a duty for all providers in the educational sector to promote things that are good about society.
 - It is a duty to ensure that the educational sector cannot be used to recruit or radicalise others for illegal means.
 - It is a duty to offer support and guidance to those who may be being radicalised, from local professionals and mentors.

For further information and online update training click [here](#).
[Chris Meddle](#) and [Diane Stygal](#) - Education Advisory Team

Funding available for NPQs

Are you eligible for a fully-funded place?

Funds of £10 million have been set aside by government in order to support teachers and leaders in challenging areas to access the National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) for Middle Leaders (NPQML), Senior Leaders (NPQSL), Headteachers (NPQH) and Executive Leaders (NPQEL). We are able to offer fully-funded places on the NPQs to those applicants working in a school in an Opportunity Area (OA) or a Category 5 or 6 area. Anyone in these areas who does not already hold the NPQ for which they are applying and has not previously dropped out before completing it may apply.

PLEASE NOTE: All funding is subject to DfE approval. Where funding is not awarded for any reason an invoice will be issued for the programme to the invoice details provided.

For more information visit <http://leadershipeast.org/>

New 2018 - 2109 dates released. Venue: Hinchingbrooke School, Huntingdon.
discoverytsa@springcommon.cambs.sch.uk

Orovia financial reporting system update

We are pleased to confirm that the Orovia system has been rolled forward into 2018 /2019 and is ready for use in respect of budget monitoring. An update on Orovia has been produced for schools. You can view it [here](#).

Please contact [Jon Lee](#), Head of Integrated Finance Services, LGSS with any queries.

Horizon scanning

[Teacher recruitment agencies face fees crackdown](#). BBC reports on the education secretary's crackdown on recruitment agencies that charge schools in England "excessive" fees.

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board (CPSCB) Resolving Professional Differences Policy

Effective working together depends on an open approach and honest relationships between agencies. Problem solving and resolution is an integral part of professional co-operation and joint working to safeguard children and young people.

There may be occasions where individuals / agencies working with children and families disagree on how best to keep children safe and promote their welfare.

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board is clear that there must be respectful challenge whenever a professional or agency has a concern about the action or inaction of another. The aim must be to resolve a professional disagreement at the earliest possible stage, always keeping in mind that that the child and young person's safety and welfare is paramount.

The CPSCB has updated its [Resolving Professional Differences \(Escalation\) Policy](#) which can now be found on the LSCB website.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough School Games - Looking for Opening Ceremony Performers

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough School Games Local [Organising Committee](#) is looking for schools that would be interested in being a part of the opening ceremony at our Level 3 School Games competition. It's taking place Thursday 28th June 2018 at One Leisure St Ives Outdoor, California Road, St Ives, PE27 6SJ. The commitment is for your school group to perform a 3-5 minute cultural piece (music/dance related) which will link in to School Games Values. The performances will accompany a Sporting Champion who opens the games.



Performers would need to arrive from 9am for rehearsals with the opening ceremony taking place between 10am and 10:30am. This is a county competition with students representing their respective schools. Competitions host students from as young as 7 years old to 16 years old.

In order to apply, please submit the application form with either a link to a YouTube clip of the performance or send us a CD. Find the application form [here](#). The deadline for applications including video evidence is Friday 15th June.

Contact: [Chris Whitfield](#)
T. 01487 849912
M. 07715 667880

Training Courses, Events and Conferences

For a list of all current training courses provided by the Local Authority and

[National Award for SEN Co-ordination](#)

Venue: Swavesey Village College. Year long statutory accredited M level course for SENCos which meets all DfE learning outcomes. For more details, and to book, click title above.

[The Advanced Skills for Teaching Assistants \(SEND Focus\)](#)

Venue: Over Community Centre. Cost: £750+vat.

Accredited year-long Level 4 course for support staff who want to develop their expertise in working with learners with SEND. Click heading above for more information.

[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, 14.00 to 16.00, Cambourne Village College. No charge.

[Stonewall Train the Trainer course](#)

Monday 18 June 2018, 09:00 - 16:30, Arbury Primary School, Cambridge, on how to tackle homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying and celebrate difference. Cost: £240 (inc. VAT) - includes a year's membership of Stonewall School Champions programme.

[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.

[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.

[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.

[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.

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