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E-News from CEES

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CPD and training



General interest and open events



Courses, visits and special events for schools

BUSIEST AUTUMN TERM EVER AT CEES



Stibbington Centre

During the first few weeks of the current Autumn Term the business support team at CEES has been inundated with phone calls, emails and web enquiry forms from teachers keen to make bookings to bring their classes for **DAY COURSES**.

Stibbington Centre's day course calendar has been filling rapidly to Christmas and beyond: Evacuation days continue to be very popular, along with habitats, rocks and rivers. Looking to the end of term, several teachers who tried our Christmas Nativity day for Reception and ks1 last year have already re-booked for this December and repeat bookings are also coming in for Victorian Christmas days for ks2 classes.

CEES day courses at **Burwell House** are available during the rest of this term and into 2016. Here the beautiful setting of the house and gardens lend themselves perfectly to day courses in the environment and to courses with an art and craft theme, including Christmas crafts in the environment. The grounds of Burwell House also play host to cohorts of apprentice Roman soldiers who are put through their paces on our Roman Day programme.

CEES' courses at **Wisbech Castle** make good use of the fully furnished and equipped Victorian style parlour, kitchens, scullery and laundry. Here trainee boot boys and scullery maids practice their chores under the watchful eye of the butler. In December, learning to lay the table for Christmas dinner is a particular challenge.



Burwell House



Wisbech Castle

CEES' Annual Conference, 2016:
Raising standards Improving lives
OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM
 on Friday 29 January, 10am to 4pm
 at The Haycock Hotel, Wansford

Bookings are now open for CEES Annual Conference which is to be held at the historic Haycock Hotel in the picturesque village of Wansford in north west Cambridgeshire, easily accessible beside the intersection of the A1 and A47. Keynote presenters include: Elaine Skates, Chief Executive of the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom; Ben Wilding, Headteacher of Werrington Primary School and Local Leader of Education; and Jill Foster of Peterborough Environment City Trust. A comprehensive programme of 11 workshops supporting subjects across the curriculum complete the line-up for what promises to be an inspirational day.

Full details at www.cees.org.uk/news/images/CEES_Conference_prospectus_2016.pdf

CPD for PRIMARY SCIENCE, GEOGRAPHY and HISTORY



CEES' programme of support for **Primary Geography and History** continues in 2015 to 16 with an expanded provision of network meetings and CPD courses, and new for this year, CEES is offering briefing meetings for **Primary Science** too.

Deputy Head of CEES and Geography Adviser, Helen Johnston, along with Independent History Consultant, Andrew Wrenn, offer a Subject Leaders' Network, with termly meetings at three locations, newsletters and occasional subject updates, as well as specialist courses in selected aspects of geography and history for the new National Curriculum. Details are at www.cees.org.uk/news/ or www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/learntogether/homepage/32/cees

At the invitation of Cambridgeshire's Schools Intervention Service CEES science specialists, Nicky Ayscough and Richard Green will be leading briefings for subject leaders with a choice of two dates and venues each term at 1.30–4.30, starting with Wednesday 11 November at Stibbington Centre and Tuesday 17 November at Burwell House. To book call us on 01780 782386 or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/learntogether/homepage/65/primary_service_school_improvement_offer

GET CRAFTY THIS AUTUMN:



Success for Stibbington's new craft workshops for adults.

The new craft workshops for adults at Stibbington Centre have got off to a great start. The mosaic making course in September was fully subscribed and October's stained glass workshop is already fully booked. A few places remain available at **Felting** led by Eve Marshall on Sunday 22 November and **Paper crafts** with a Christmas theme on Sunday 6 December. More sessions will follow from January. All sessions will need to be booked in advance: Tel: 01780 782386 or email CEES.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

BRINGING ENGLISH AND MATHS TO LIFE IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS:

English: Tues 12 Jan Stibbington
Wed 13 Jan Burwell House
Maths: Thur 21 Jan Stibbington
Tue 2 Feb Burwell House

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A wealth of ideas for taking English and maths lessons outside into the school grounds will be shared with delegates at CEES' CPD workshops in the Spring Term. Bringing learning to life in the real world has been shown to contribute pupil engagement, understanding and enthusiasm for learning as well as raising attainment.

Bookings are now being taken for our afternoon workshops which take place from 1.30 to 4.30.

To book call us on 01780 782386 or visit the link.



**LIFE ON THE HOME FRONT, 1940
OPEN DAY at
STIBBINGTON CENTRE
Saturday 7 November**

For Remembrance Day 2015, we turn the clock back 75 years to November 1940 for a WWII themed Open Day, re-creating life on the Home Front. In 1940 the population of the small village school at Stibbington more than doubled as evacuees arrived in increasing numbers from London. Come along to our Open Day to find out about life for the evacuees, sample lessons in the 1940s classroom, take cover in an air raid shelter, have a go at World War II style handicrafts and enjoy refreshments at Lyons Corner House.

Just a few dates remain available for **RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCES** at Stibbington Centre during the current academic year. Contact CEES to find out more about our unique and highly rated learning opportunities for ks1 and 2.

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