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## Cambridgeshire Environmental Education Service

### NEWS UPDATE

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#### E-News from CEES

CEES' E-newsletter is available at [www.cees.org.uk/news/newsletters](http://www.cees.org.uk/news/newsletters)



CPD and training



General interest and open events



Courses, visits and special events for schools

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



Happy New Year! Here at CEES we are making the final arrangements for our Annual Conference which promises to be an inspirational day at the historic Haycock Hotel in the picturesque village of Wansford. Situated in north west Cambridgeshire, the village is easily accessible beside the intersection of the A1 and A47. We are delighted that School Travel Organiser magazine is sponsoring our event and covering it in their next magazine.

At just £95 for the day, delegates attending will benefit from:

- Keynote presenters including Elaine Skates, Chief Executive of the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom and Jill Foster of Peterborough Environment City Trust.
- A comprehensive programme of 11 hands-on workshops supporting subjects across the curriculum including English, maths, science and IT in the local environment.
- Building new contacts and sharing ideas with schools from more than six Counties.

**It's not too late to book! Full details at**

[www.cees.org.uk/news/images/CEES\\_Conference\\_prospectus\\_2016.pdf](http://www.cees.org.uk/news/images/CEES_Conference_prospectus_2016.pdf)

#### West Town Primary enjoy their first residential experience



**Don't miss out — bookings are now being taken for 2016 -17, with special off-peak rates and bursaries available.**

Teachers from West Town Primary arranged the first ever residential experience for their school at Stibbington at the end of November. Two groups of 20 children took part in 3-day programmes, designed to support their science work.

For these children from central Peterborough, the opportunity to investigate woodland and wetland habitats at the beautiful Stibbington Lakes Nature Reserve, the ancient woodland at Sulehay Forest and the wildlife garden in the centre grounds (see photo) brought science to life so effectively that the children were buzzing. One of them commented, "it's better to learn when you're having fun".

The teachers were so delighted with their visit that they have already made a provisional reservation for next year.

Bookings are now being taken for September 2016 to July 2017. To secure your place, please contact us as soon as possible on 01780 782386 or email [cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

**FAMILIES AND FRIENDS MAKE AND CREATE AT STIBBINGTON**

GIFT VOUCHERS ARE AVAILABLE !



Community Classes at Stibbington brought participants from as far as Suffolk, and one class included three generations of the same family! The new Spring Term programme of craft workshops for adults includes Japanese notebooks, metal clay, printmaking and willow weaving. More practical short sessions on first aid awareness, either for adults, or for carers of babies and children are also offered on Saturday 30 January. Visit the Stibbington Community Classes Facebook page or [www.cees.org.uk/news](http://www.cees.org.uk/news) for details, and to book places use the contact info below.

**CPD for PRIMARY SCIENCE, MATHS GEOGRAPHY and HISTORY**

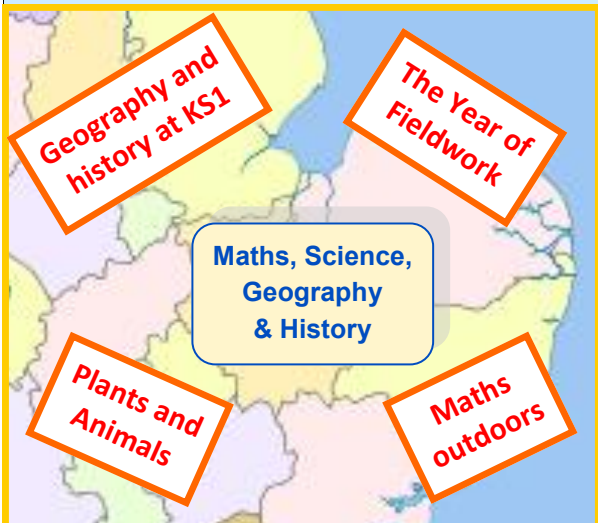
CEES' programme of support for Primary schools continues this term with an expanded provision of network meetings for Geography and History and CPD courses across a range of subjects.

A wealth of ideas for taking lessons outside into the school grounds will be shared with delegates at CEES' CPD workshops in the Spring Term. These can be structured sessions at one of our centres or we can bring CPD direct to your staff meeting.

Bringing learning to life in the real world has been shown to contribute to 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 in January, February and March.

To book call us on 01780 782386 or [visit the link](#). Workshops on English, maths, science, history and geography also feature in our conference programme on 29 January.



**SEEKING A RESIDENTIAL VENUE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT?**



Stibbington's residential centre is available for private hire at weekends and school holidays at a competitive rate of £300 per 24 hour period. Sleeping up to 38 that's just £8 per person! So if you're planning a family gathering for 2016—we would be delighted to hear from you. Visit [www.groupaccommodation.com/properties/stibbington-centre-peterborough-cambridgeshire](http://www.groupaccommodation.com/properties/stibbington-centre-peterborough-cambridgeshire).

**SCIENCE WEEK MARCH 2016**

A very well organised day, especially considering there were so many of us. CEES teachers were very knowledgeable and great with the children. An excellent start to our minibeasts topic.

For those who are planning activities for Science Week, CEES has a wide range of high quality day courses at Stibbington, Burwell and Wisbech to support work in science at ks1 and 2. Some topics can be delivered as workshops in schools. All are led by CEES' specialist teachers.

Themes include, ks1: **Badger's day out; Incy wincy spider; How does your garden grow?; Home sweet home; and Materials matter at ks 1** and ks2: **In Darwin's footsteps, Location, location, location; Linnaeus' six kingdoms; Rock of ages; and Energy matters.**

Details are at [http://www.cees.org.uk/courses\\_intro.htm](http://www.cees.org.uk/courses_intro.htm)

Use the contact info below to check availability.

*Comments on an Incy Wincy Spider day for Y2 by a teacher from William Law.*

**LET'S GET QUIZICAL!**

**Teams of up to 6 are invited to Stibbington Centre's light-hearted, themed Quiz Night**

This popular fundraising event for the Stibbington Centre Greener Future Trust will be held on Friday 5th February, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at £9 per person include a hot supper. To book places for your team use the contact details below.

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