



# Cambridgeshire Environmental Education Service

## NEWS UPDATE

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### E-News from CEES

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### Evidence for the benefits of [#WinterResidentials](#): Good news if you are worried you have missed out for 2017/2018

An extension to #BrilliantResidentials, this latest campaign raises awareness about the benefits of residentials for schools in the winter months, with further compelling evidence from the [Learning Away](#) programme. If, after reading this, you are regretting your school missing out this year, you may be interested in a final slot that has become available in week commencing 19th March 2018 due to a last minute cancellation. We are often asked for complete weeks when schools require longer stays or wish to bring consecutive classes, so it may be of particular interest. This is the only complete week available for 2017-18, although there are a few options for shorter visits. We are delighted to offer our **reduced rates starting at £82 per child for those schools looking to book something last minute** so let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in part or all of this slot. Bursaries of up to £30 per child are available for those children eligible for free school meals. Our [new flyer](#) provides ideas for course themes particularly suitable for Winter.



**CPD FOR TEACHERS**

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<p><b>From the Grass to the Roadside</b> A course for teachers to take to the school grounds Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1.30 - 4.30 Stibbington Centre, PE8 6LP</p>	<p><b>Practice, Problems, Numbers and Rubrics</b> A course for teachers to take to the school grounds Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30 - 4.30 Stibbington Centre, PE8 6LP</p>
<p><b>Leading Primary History</b> A course for primary school subject leaders Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1.30 - 4.30 Stibbington Centre, PE8 6LP</p>	<p><b>Leading Primary Geography</b> A course for primary school subject leaders Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30 - 4.30 Stibbington Centre, PE8 6LP</p>
<p><b>Outdoor Learning in the Early Years</b> A course for primary school subject leaders and teachers Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 1.30 - 4.30 Stibbington Centre, PE8 6LP</p>	<p><b>Assessment in Geography &amp; History</b> A course for subject leaders and teachers in KS1 &amp; 2 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 1.30 - 4.30 Stibbington Centre, PE8 6LP</p>
<p><b>Secondary Science</b> Bringing Science to the outdoors in all weather conditions Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1.30 - 4.30 Russell House, CEES</p>	<p><b>Embedding British Values through Primary Geography &amp; History</b> A course for subject leaders and teachers in KS1 &amp; 2 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30 - 4.30 Stibbington Centre, PE8 6LP</p>

For further details and to make a reservation of £50 per place, visit the website for details and at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk) contact CEES on Tel: 01780 782386 or email [cees@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cees@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

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### Are you leading Geography or Science in your School?

As part of our annual programme of CPD events for teachers, our courses detailed below for Subject leaders will help you to develop and raise the profile of Science and Geography in your School.

**29th November—Leading Primary Geography**

**6th December—Primary Science Briefing: Developing the role of the Science Leader** presented by Nina Spilsbury, mentor with the Primary Science Teaching Trust.

Both sessions run from 1.30-4.30 at Stibbington Centre, PE8 6LP, with a fee of £60 per person. For details of current courses visit our [website](#).

### FREE fruit trees for schools in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk!

Fruit trees offer many benefits to schools, providing teaching resources, fruit for eating and cooking and benefits to local wildlife. Funded by the Heritage Lottery, Orchards for Schools is offering up to six free fruit trees chosen from nearly 250 local apple, pear, plum and cherry varieties, plus tree planning kits and curriculum linked materials to help you get the most from your new mini-orchard. Visit our [website](#) for more information or email [orchardsforschools@gmail.com](mailto:orchardsforschools@gmail.com) to apply before the end of December.

### Charter for Trees

More than 70 organisations from across multiple sectors have joined forces to create a Charter for Trees, Woods and People that will guide policy and practice in the UK. The new Tree Charter, launched on 6 November 2017, will recognise, celebrate and protect this right. For more information on how your school can get involved visit <https://treecharter.uk/>

## Full steam ahead for Spring term day bookings—don't be disappointed

Autumn Term has been extremely busy with day visitors at Stibbington, Burwell House and Coldham Wind Farm. We were delighted that some Schools received a special bonus to their Evacuation Day with a sighting of the Flying Scotsman during its short stay at the Nene Valley Railway.

Bookings remain brisk for the Spring Term and since we hate to disappoint people when dates are no longer available, book soon by calling us on 01780 782386 or email

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## Looking for an overnight venue for a special event?

Stibbington's residential centre is available for private hire for groups of up to 40 at weekends and school holidays. So if you're planning a family gathering or special event during the coming year, 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)

## Plastic Fantastic!!

[Plastic as a pollutant](#) is, rightfully, very much in the news. We aim to educate children about good recycling practice but also provide schools with ideas to upcycle items and use as a budget-friendly craft resource. So we view plastic bottles as a key resource at Stibbington. This can be seen in the improvements made by our lovely volunteers, with plastic bottle leaves sprouting from Brian's newly painted shed and milk container fish swimming by the picnic tables!

#RaidTheRecycling



## And the Winner is.....

We are delighted to announce that the winner of **Stibbington Smiles** for Autumn 2017 is **Holywell Primary School** for a picture from their recent Evacuation Day.

They will receive a £50 voucher towards the cost of a school visit of their choice.

Now it is your turn to send in your photos and help us capture the fun and excitement from your visits across the seasons during 2017-18 —Winter

(December, January and February), Spring (March, April, May), Summer (June, July) and Autumn (September, October, November). Entries should be emailed to

[cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) with the title "Stibbington Smiles". Your smiley photos need to be in a high resolution format (300dpi or above) and will be used as part of our gallery of changing seasons on our website. Entry submission confirms that you are happy for us to use the photographs submitted in future marketing campaigns and on our website. Please send Winter photos by **31st March 2018** and perhaps your school could be the next winner!



## Make a Reindeer this Christmas with Stibbington Community Classes

Willow workshops previously run for us by Sue Kirk have always been popular. There are still some places available on the next workshop (7th and 8th December). So why not make a 3 foot high reindeer just in time for Christmas? Give us a call if you are interested.