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CPD and training



General interest and open events



Courses, visits and special events for schools

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2017-18 Events Calendar now available

Our events calendar for 2017-18 is now available on our website and is included as an email attachment with this newsletter. Look out for exciting new events for both teachers and students over the next academic year, including **celebrations for our 30th anniversary of the Residential Centre on 12th May 2018!**



Support Stibbington as a Trustee

The Stibbington Centre Greener Future Trust (Registered Charity 1097019) aims to enhance, develop and improve opportunities for the promotion and dissemination of education for sustainable development at the Centre. Our friendly board of trustees is made up of head teachers, both current and recently retired, and CEES staff representatives. With our 30th anniversary fast approaching and exciting new initiatives for the future, we are looking for some new trustees. Meetings take place once a term in the late afternoon. If you are interested in joining us, we'd be delighted to hear from you and to provide you with further information.

CPD for teachers



Our annual programme of events and professional development courses is underway. Courses for subject leaders, teachers and others who have an interest in learning outside the classroom are available across a range of curriculum subjects including English, maths, science, geography and history. With fees starting at £60 per person for an afternoon's training, there's no better time to enhance your skills and gain new ideas for outdoor learning. For details of current courses visit our [website](#). Don't miss the **NEW Primary Science Meetings**—termly meetings for subject leaders and teachers.

Struggling for time and can't get out and about? Why not try one of our in-school staff training opportunities? Our fully qualified and experienced CEES teachers are available to visit schools to deliver workshops with pupils, lead staff training on learning outside the classroom across the curriculum and consultancy on school grounds development. Contact us for further details.

Glassmoor Local Environment Fund enables Fenland schools to discover environmental education

Thanks to support from Fenland District Council through the Glassmoor Local Environment Fund, over 600 children were able to benefit from environmental education courses led by CEES teachers. The project offered schools in the Glassmoor area visits to Coldham wind farm along with workshops in schools on themes such as renewable energy, habitats, minibeasts, rocks and rivers.

"The workshops have helped the children develop their scientific curiosity and understanding of methodical scientific study. A Brilliant session" teacher, Alderman Jacobs Primary.

Further details on workshops and energy related visits to Coldham are available on our [website](#).



The Nene Valley Railway Santa Special is on its way!



Pupils on one of our Evacuation Days start their visit at the Nene Valley Railway's Wansford Station. This is sure to have whetted their appetite for one of the upcoming, family-orientated trips. The Santa Special outing includes a welcome from the station staff, an exciting visit to Santa's log cabin (and a present) and a 50 minute return trip on the steam hauled, decorated train. Age appropriate refreshments are served during the journey and Santa will walk through the train to see the children, providing an opportunity to take photographs and to wish everyone the compliments of the season. For further information and to book, follow

this link to the NVR website: www.nvr.org.uk/events/santa-specials

Inspirational learning for Winter residentials

The [Learning Away](#) programme gathered profound evidence which shows that school residentials have a transformative impact on everyone involved. They indicate that this transformation is greater the sooner a residential takes place in the school year. In addition, CEES' seasonally discounted prices make Winter residentials more affordable giving your school the benefit of a greater return on investment. To make the most of this, why not take advantage of our last few remaining slots in January/February/March 2018.

Our [new flyer](#) provides ideas for course themes and we are delighted to offer **1 free place in every 10 for those schools looking to book something last minute.**



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 6 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 to apply before the end of December.

Last chance—share your “Stibbington Smiles” and win a prize



In July we were delighted to announce the launch of our annual “Stibbington Smiles” photo competition for Schools. We are looking to capture the fun and excitement of your visits to us across the seasons during 2016-17—Spring (March, April, May), Summer (June, July), Autumn (September, October, November), Winter (December, January and February). So take a look through photos from visits taken over the last year for a chance to receive a **£50 voucher towards the cost of a school visit of your choice.**

Entries should be emailed to cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk with the title “Stibbington Smiles” and the season to be entered by **30th October 2017**. 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 which will feature on our website. Entries received from visits during the last academic year will be judged by the end of October. Entry submission confirms that you are happy for us to use the photographs submitted in future marketing campaigns and on our website.