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Young Leaders Convention—January 2017

We were delighted to welcome Young Leaders from Schools across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to Stibbington on 30th and 31st January. Students enjoyed exploring and debating a proposal for the development of Stibbington Lakes along with using their expert problem solving skills in our CSI team challenge. Look out for next years event which will be held on **29th and 30th January 2018.**

Ukulele in Wansford takes off!

We are delighted that our Ukulele Workshops last year resulted in the formation of W.U.F. which stands for "Wansford Ukulele Folk". Although locally based, the group membership extends well into Peterborough and Stamford. They meet weekly and have already started performing! With a harmonica workshop at the end of February we are wondering where this might lead!!



Green Day 'Championing Change'

29th March 2017

Our Special **SCIENCE GREEN DAY** for KS2 children will be held at the Stibbington Centre on 29th March. The programme has been designed to support the British Science Week theme of 'Change' and to inspire teams of Eco Councillors or School Councillors to begin to work together and return to school enthused with new ideas.

Pupils will take part in three sessions including – **Marvellous Minibeasts, Wonderful Willow** and **Superb Sunlight**. See attached flyer for further details. Contact us on 01780 782386 or email cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk to book.



Tesco Bags of Help



Bags of Help, administered by Groundwork, is Tesco's local community grant scheme where the money raised from the 5p bag charge in Tesco stores is being used to fund thousands of community projects across the UK. Schools are amongst those organisations that are eligible to apply for a grant of up to £4000. For more information visit <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Category/boh-grant-for-project-tes>

Residential Calendars for 2017-18 and 2018-19 now open!

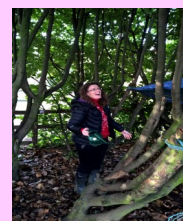
Our Residential Calendars for 2017-18 and 2018-19 are now open for bookings. Our new pricing structure aims to provide additional flexibility for those Schools who may wish to consider a visit at an alternative time of year.

Our stimulating Winter programmes are tailor made to incorporate suitable seasonal activities, whilst still providing the children with the many benefits of a residential visit. Schools can benefit from a significant financial advantage by visiting at this time, receiving our lowest residential rates starting at £82 per student for a 3 day, two night stay.

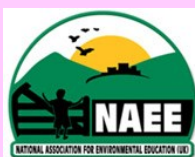


Guardian article highlights the importance of learning in the natural world

Explorer Ben Fogle recently wrote an article in The Guardian on the importance of encouraging children to connect with the natural world. CEES staff connected with Stibbington's natural world on a recent team day, trialling some of the new activities available for children as part of a residential visit. The Den Building was very competitive! View the article [here](#).



NAEE Report illustrates opportunities for Outdoor Learning



The National Association for Environmental Education (NAEE) has published a new report illustrating how the new foundation and primary curricula provide numerous opportunities for schools, teachers and children to explore a wide range of the world's most pressing issues. This is freely available to [download](#).

Greetings from Sacrewell

The start of 2017 sees us getting ready for visits to the farm as well as some new outreach work. There's some extra TLC for the ewes carrying this year's lambs, which should be born at the beginning of March. Our guinea pigs are off on their travels as we trial a loan scheme to schools. We deliver the animals with everything they need on a Monday morning, complete with introductory session and then collect them on the Friday. Thanks to All Saints in Peterborough who are the "guinea pigs" for our guinea pigs!



Please contact Nikki on 01780 781377 or nikki.cherry@sacrewell.org.uk

Quiz Night raises £400 for SCGFT!

The centre was buzzing on Friday 3rd February as we hosted our Annual Quiz Night which raised over £400 for the Stibbington Centre Greener Future Trust (SCGFT). This will help the Trust in their continued support for the centre and help to provide Bursaries which ensure that all children can experience the Stibbington Adventure. Congratulations to the winning team The Courgette Hunters!



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