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Step into Spring with CEES CPD

Our varied CPD opportunities provide a wide range of ideas for outdoor learning. Visit the [website](#) for further details on:

[Outdoor learning in the Early Years: practical ideas for EY teachers and leaders](#)—14 May, Stibbington Centre

Primary Science Leaders Meeting: Science on a Shoestring—5 June, Stibbington Centre

[Embedding British Values in Geography and History](#)—13 June, Stibbington Centre

[Learning outside the classroom for NQTs](#)—15 June, Stibbington Centre



STIBbfest 2018 is coming - SAVE THE DATE!

On **Saturday 12th May from 10am until 4pm** we are celebrating a 30th Anniversary. Be part of a fun filled, family open day at Stibbington Centre, Church Lane, Peterborough, PE8 6LP. Entry adults £2, under 16yrs £1. There will be a wide range of activities on offer...pond dipping, environmental art and craft, lessons in the period classroom, village treasure trail...and many more. Many children say they would like to bring their family to Stibbington after their visit and this is the ideal opportunity. Visit our website to print off a poster for parent information purposes, alternatively we can email one through to you. It is definitely worth registering an interest since some of the activities will need to be booked in advance. Refreshments available throughout the day.



To register an interest email cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Rivers, Rocks and Romans and don't forget those Stibbington Smiles!

Summer Term is a great time to be out and about in the village, forest or quarry studying the natural environment or for marching Roman style on a Stibbington Day Visit. As always our calendar is filling up quickly, so early booking is recommended!

Just a reminder to send in your photos and help us capture the fun and excitement from your visits across Winter 2017-18 (December, January and February) by 30th April for your chance to win a £50 voucher towards a day visit of your choice. Entries should be emailed to 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 and Twitter.

Outdoor classroom day—Thursday 17 May

Join the campaign to get as many children as possible playing and learning outside. For more information and to sign up visit www.outdoorclassroomday.org.uk

Fun with roots and shoots helps learning how the garden grows

Pupils from Alderman Jacobs School had some hands on experience during their day visit in March, as they helped us plant some hedge saplings at the front of the Centre kindly donated by Octopus Energy. Once grown the hedgerow will provide a natural habitat for children to explore. The trees were donated through a scheme to encourage the planting of native broadleaf trees, when one of our teachers recently switched his energy supplier. Octopus Energy have a have a number of initiatives in providing rewards for schools. For further information visit <https://octopus.energy/l/parentpower/>



Residential Calendars for 2018-19 and 2019-20 now open!

Our residential calendars for 2018-19 and 2019-20 are now open for bookings. **We are delighted to offer one free place to every new school able to confirm a booking before 30th April 2018.**

Our new [residential leaflet](#) containing all you need to know about visiting us on a residential is now available on our website and has been circulated to all schools along with an [updated price list for 2018-19](#). Don't forget bursaries of up to £30 per child are available to those who need them.

To reserve your visit, call us on 01780 782386 or email cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.



General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) come into force on May 24th

GDPR puts you in the driver's seat so you can control your data, how it is shared and what it is used for. We would like to keep in touch with you by email with useful updates on outdoor learning and the environment and invitations to events. Your School contact details including address, email and phone number will held securely on the Cambridgeshire County Council network and will not be shared with anyone else. Currently you are marked on the system as someone we can keep in touch with, so we have one question for you, is that still ok? If yes, please email cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk with the title **Opt In to the mailing list. If we do not hear from you we will automatically opt you out.**

Half of hedgehogs lost from Countryside says report

With Hedgehog awareness week approaching (6–12th May), a recent survey from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society and the People's Trust for Endangered Species, has revealed that hedgehog numbers living in rural areas have plummeted by more than half since 2000. But there was much better news in our towns and cities with the report showing they are not disappearing from sites as quickly and might even be returning. More details about the study at: <https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/state-britains-hedgehogs-2018/>

Engaging children in wildlife friendly gardening can help encourage them to consider how they can help. For ideas on setting up a school garden visit the [RHS School Gardening website](#).



Join the Polar Explorer Programme

State-funded primary schools across the UK who are keen to raise aspirations and attainment in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in their school, are invited to apply for the **Polar Explorer programme** – a £1m government-funded project, aiming to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. Schools that are selected will benefit from support in key areas, such as working scientifically and developing pupils' enquiry skills. The deadline for sign up is 31st May.