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E-News from CEES

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CEES Newsletter is changing.....

In May we emailed you all ahead of the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations. As a result of your responses to this email and our own research into newsletter responses, we are changing the way we contact schools for the future. Future information and news from CEES will be included in our integrated calendar which will be updated every half term and published on our website and social media links. Details of special events and courses will continue to be circulated to schools who wish to receive them. **If you do not wish to receive information from us in the future please email us with the title OPT OUT of the Mailing list before the end of term!**

STIBB†astic STIBBfest

It was great to welcome over 200 people to the recent STIBBfest event from across Cambridgeshire and beyond. Over one third of visitors were children visiting the centre ahead of or having been on a residential visit. All of them commented on a most enjoyable day with a wide variety of activities. From planting the tree at the opening ceremony, the new artist trail in memory of Rosie, and cake and flapjack (of course!) it was clear that everyone had a fantastic time. Two generations of the Nickson family who joined the day had been to Stibbington on a residential visit over the years and enjoyed sharing their Stibbington memories together.

To see photos from the event and some of the items from the new art trail visit our [website](#).



And the Stibbington Smiles winner is....



.....**Alderman Jacobs Primary School** who visited us in March for a day visit. This photo shows them assisting in hedge planting to provide a wildlife habitat. The school will now be able to claim a **£50 discount** towards a day visit of their choice! For a chance to win a discount for your school and to help us capture the fun and excitement from your visits across Spring 2018-19 (March, April, May) send us your photos by 30th June. Entries should be emailed to

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with the title "Stibbington Smiles". 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. **With Summer term fully booked, and our first Victorian Christmas class booked in, our calendar is filling up quickly, so early booking is recommended!**

Bumper Year for Small Birds

If you think your garden seems louder, brighter and busier this year, you are not alone. Favourable conditions have led to a surge in sightings of small birds in this year's RSPB annual wildlife survey. Species enjoying a bumper year include coal tits and long tailed tits with numbers increasing by 15% compared to last year. The counts for goldfinches, greenfinches and chaffinches are also up by 11%, 5% and 4% respectively. See how you can get [involved](#).



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 31st July 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.



What are the top four waste items found in Rivers?



The top four items found are plastic, crisp packets, glass and cigarette butts. Waitrose is backing a project by the Marine Conservation Society encouraging river and beach clean up events across the UK. They are running of clean-up events during their famous Great British Beach Clean weekend from Friday 15 to Monday 18 September with loads more taking place throughout the year. Anyone can volunteer, so why not get involved at an event near you! For further information on how your school can be involved visit <https://www.mcsuk.org/waitrose/>

Playday the national day for play in the UK— Wednesday 1st August 2018.

On Playday, thousands of children and their families get out to play at hundreds of community events across the UK, and Wisbech adventure playground are hosting a special day for kids (both big and small) to celebrate, between 11am and 4pm on 1st August. For further information contact edwellbeing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Work, rest and play—Stibbington hosts schools from across the UK for weekend activities

A number of schools have made a weekend visit to Stibbington to enhance aspects of their activity. Melior Academy ran focused GCSE revision weekends which resulted in an increase in examination grades and The King's School, Chester made a weekend visit to the area for a Football Tournament. John Spelman, teacher from King's said ***"the Centre was a perfect stop off for our under 14 Football teams and the Stibbington Team took care of our every need including providing a delicious cooked breakfast on the Sunday morning"***. Priced at less than £10 per person for a group of 35 or more, the Centre provides an ideal self-catering option for these types of activity. Catered options are also available. Visit our website for further information.

