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Dear Reader

Dear Colleagues

I hope you had a rewarding half-term break and are enjoying being back and into the swing of things.

I begin with some important news. Sadly, Emma Harkin, Head of SEND and Inclusion is leaving Peterborough for a new challenge at the end of November. In my short time with Peterborough it has been clear that Emma has made a very positive impact in the role since joining in June 2022. Schools and partners speak very highly of working with Emma and, in a very challenging area, there are a lot of significant developments for SEND children and the schools and settings that educate and support them. The relationship with Family Voice is really positive here and again Emma has played a

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major part in this.

We wish Emma all the best in her next role. She will be missed.

I will confirm arrangements that will be put in place, whilst we permanently recruit, in due course. I would like to make sure that school representatives are fully involved in the recruitment process and if any colleagues are interested in taking part please do contact me.

I'd like to inform you that Claire Farmer has joined Peterborough to help with the SEND self-evaluation and preparation for any area inspection that may take place in the next 6-12 months. Also, David Groves, Openbox Consultancy, has started a piece of work to update Peterborough's School Organisation Plan and pupil forecasts. Given the summer increase in pupil numbers, which colleagues tell me has happened in a number of summers before, it's a good chance for Peterborough to plan for the future. I am grateful for all headteacher colleagues who have come forward to take additional pupils at a challenging time.

[Chris Baird](#)

Interim Director of Education Peterborough

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Wraparound Childcare Programme

In the Spring 2023 budget, the Chancellor announced investment in the provision of wraparound childcare to enable schools and local areas to set up or expand wraparound childcare provision. The programme aims to increase the availability of school-aged wraparound provision between the hours of 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, to support working parents.

Whilst we await government guidance about the scheme and funding allocations, we would appreciate your participation in our survey to explore the wraparound provision available within schools in Peterborough to support preparatory work for this programme.

Please submit your response here by 22.11.2023: <https://tinyurl.com/Wraparound2023>.

Thank you.

New Climate Change and Environment web content to support schools published on the Learn Together website

On the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Learn Together webpages, a new page has been created called [Climate Change and Environment for schools](#). The Climate Change and Environment for schools page aims to support those teachers and school leaders needing information or inspiration around this area to help their school and Cambridgeshire meet their Net Zero targets and improve biodiversity in their local spaces.

There are some links to useful websites which are updated when there are new and relevant materials, support or eco competitions and events. Many of these websites provide fun and educational material and resources for children and teachers to learn how to cut their carbon and protect the local environment.

The webpage is currently at an early stage. Therefore, if you have any ideas or best practice you wish to share, including links or information you think would be useful, please contact Gemma at climate@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Gemma Jewell, Climate Change Officer

CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY SERVICE

Cambridgeshire County Council, SAC1302, Sackville House, Sackville Way, Cambourne CB23 6HL

COP 28 - Schools events or activities

With COP28 taking place between 30th November and 12th December, we would like to hear from schools that are planning to hold any climate or environmental events or activities during this time. Please share your ideas or plans by emailing climate@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. If you are happy, we would like to share these plans on our Cambridgeshire and Peterborough [Climate Change and Environment for schools - Learn Together](#) webpage to demonstrate what our local schools are doing and to support other schools in running fun and educational eco events and activities.

FREE Curriculum and Subject Leadership Ofsted Webinar for Schools

The webinar focuses on how subject leaders are involved in Ofsted inspections. It explores the evidence Ofsted gather on deep dives, look at the findings from the recent curriculum research reviews and share insights from their subject leads. Online webinar. Free.

[Curriculum and Subject Leadership Webinar \(link to youtube\)](#)

BBC micro:bit - the next gen is now live!

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BBC micro:bit – the next gen is a partnership between BBC Education, the Micro:bit Educational Foundation and Nominet. Made possible by Nominet’s support, the partnership is donating a set of 30 micro:bits to every primary school across the UK that registers to receive them. The campaign aims to empower primary school children aged 8 to 11 with the digital skills to understand the world around them and shape their futures. Teachers are supported with an array of training and resources to build their confidence teaching with the micro:bit. Registration ends 18 December so there’s still time to sign your school up at bbc.co.uk/microbit.

Mental Health and Relationships Programme - event 3 - School Leaders' Training

As part of a fully funded, year-long Mental Health and Relationships Programme, we would like to invite primary schools in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to attend a training session. One or two leaders from each school (PSHE, SLT) will gain a full overview of the programme and resources, consider their school’s needs and begin planning actions.

The leaders’ training events will be held on 7th November online (3.30pm-5.30pm) or in person 15th November, Papworth Village Hall CB23 3RD 1.30-4.30pm.

Sign up for these events and access resources using [this form](#)

For more information contact [PSHE Service](#) or access our [course brochure](#).

CYP Community Asthma Team Digital Health Passport

digital health passport



The Children and Young Peoples Community Asthma Team has announced the launch of the Digital Health Passport in the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough area.

The Digital Health Passport is a new digital app to help children, young people and carers

with their self-management of asthma in Cambs and Peterborough. The app helps patients track their symptoms, set up medication reminders and air quality alerts as well as provide one single point of access to their asthma action plan. The app also provides learning resources and education to improve knowledge and confidence.

➤ Access the asthma action plan:

Access and share your asthma plan with family and friends when you need it.

➤ Track your symptoms:

Improve your understanding of trends and take preventative measures before a crisis arises.

➤ Connect with the community:

Link to online peer support and other 111 resources to ensure the right support is given at the right time.

➤ Learn more:

Access the range of resources and learning from leading organisations like Asthma & Lung UK and Beat Asthma. Improve your skills, knowledge and confidence to self manage.

➤ Set medication reminders:

Improve medication adherence and improve asthma control.

➤ Review daily air quality alerts:

Help prevent asthma attacks with daily alerts and trigger avoidance advice.

The app has already been launched in other regions across England and is proving to be very successful and popular with residents and patients. The Digital Health Passport app can be downloaded for free to your tablet or phone by searching 'Digital Health Passport' in the App Store or Google Play.

Celebrating Kindness on Be Internet Legends Day

Be Internet Legends



Google's Be Internet Legends programme is designed to help 7-11 year olds become safer, more confident explorers of the online world. Be Internet Legends Day is the programme's annual celebration event and last year brought over 800 schools together.

On Tuesday 28th November 2024, there will be a one off, interactive assembly - Be Internet Legends Day! Primary school pupils will be invited to learn the importance of being internet kind through a series of fun activities and challenges.

You can sign up for [#BILDDay](#) now on the [Be Internet Legends website](#). The day is taking place just one week after Anti Bullying Week, so a great moment to help reinforce those important messages across your school community.

FREE Engaging Fathers in Education Settings course

This course will help school staff to explore the social, emotional and educational benefits of involving fathers in children's learning; mobilise fathers as a resource; evaluate the school's father-engagement, and devise strategies to build father-inclusive learning environments. Tuesday 6th February 2024, 12:30pm – 3pm. Open to all practitioners, especially those working with children, families and parents in conflict. Online. Free of Charge. To book email rpctraining@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Religious Education Newsletter

The latest Religious Education news letter is now available on the Learn Together website, with lots of information about the new syllabus and events coming up. Please use the link to access the newsletter, [Religious Education - Learn Together \(camblearntogether.co.uk\)](http://camblearntogether.co.uk)

Road Safety Week 2023 - 19th to 25th November

Road Safety Week is Brake's biggest road safety campaign. Every year, thousands of schools, organisations and communities get involved to share important road safety messages, remember people affected by road death and injury, and raise funds to help Brake care for more road victims and campaign for safe roads for everyone. find out more at the [Brake Website](#).

Peterborough Museum Virtual Session

Peterborough Museum Learning Team has worked with the Natural History Museum to create its first virtual learning session, about classification. The Natural History Museum are Peterborough Museum's partner in a scheme called Museums and Schools. With their expertise and advice Peterborough have been able to create this session to showcase aspects of the Museum's Jurassic fossil collection and create variety in the offer to schools. The session is designed for the Year 4 Science curriculum. Teachers wanting to find out more can contact the Museum Learning Coordinator [here](#).

Chance to name new gritters

Six new gritting vehicles are joining Peterborough's fleet to help keep motorists safe this winter – and we're inviting you to name them!

Peterborough City Council and Milestone Infrastructure have teamed up to offer residents the chance to name the new 7.5 and 26 tonne vehicles. Residents are invited to suggest names for the vehicles – entries can be submitted to phscompetition@milestoneinfra.co.uk before **Friday 10 November**.

Several councils have asked residents to name

gritters

their gritting fleet resulting in eye-catching vehicles such as 'Gritty-Gritty Bang Bang' and 'Sled Zeplin'. If you think you can do better we would love to hear from you!

FREE Music webinars, and CPD for schools in Cambridgeshire

At Cambridgeshire Music, we are committed to providing high quality CPD to help upskill and develop those teaching music in any capacity in schools and settings across the county. We want to share what excellent practice looks like, and help you to build music programmes that are engaging and exciting for both you and the children and young people that you work with. Our workshops leaders include both Cambridgeshire Music team members as well as leading practitioners from the world of music education. Please check out the [Cambridgeshire Music Continuing Professional Development 2023/24 programme](#).

[Introduction to Charanga](#) - Tuesday 21st November 4 – 5.30pm – Free - The Nene Infant and Nursery School, Wisbech

[Network meeting – Secondary music](#) - Monday 20th November 4-5pm – Free – Webinar

[Network meeting – Primary music](#) - Monday 20th November 4-5pm – Free – Webinar

See the Training / Events section below for further courses.

Get your school involved in Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's Rudolph Run

Experience the magic of the winter season with the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's Rudolph Run, an enchanting Christmas event tailored for schools and settings across Cambridgeshire and the Fenlands. Embrace the festive spirit from mid-November as your playground transforms into a winter wonderland for this sponsored run, with antlers for all! Open to everyone, including teachers, this exclusive experience offers a glimpse into the workings of a hospice while rallying support for your local hospice charity. Find out more and join the hospice in spreading joy, compassion, and holiday cheer this Christmas by visiting the [Rudolph Run page of the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity webpage](#).

rudolph run

Outdoor Education at Grafham Water Centre

It is a proven fact that not all children learn and excel in a classroom environment. Winter is just around the corner, and with darker mornings and darker evenings, children are less likely to get outside as much as they would in the summer months.

You may be reading a particular book in the classroom and writing about this with the children, or you might just want to have a Christmas or New Year celebration with a difference. Grafham Water Centre would like to work with Headteachers across the county and beyond to help those children excel in their Primary Years. Perhaps there is a Geography topic the centre could help studies with, pond dipping, or dress up as Pirates for the Day and learn how to read treasure maps!. The list is endless and the Centre can offer bespoke days to suit all schools whatever your needs.

Training / Events

[Responding to Sexual Violence in Schools - Safeguarding Conference](#)

Education Safeguarding Team in Partnership with Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre Conference for all Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputy Leads and any other staff who work in a safeguarding or pastoral role.

Thursday 23 November 2023, 9.00 am – 4.00 pm, Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon.

[Understanding End of KS1 Expectations in Maths](#)

For all Year 2 Teachers including those new to Year 2 or ECTs – Tuesday 7th November 2023 – Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:15 – 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

[EYFS Phase Leader Meetings - Autumn Term](#)

For all Early Years Foundation Stage Leaders and Senior Leaders/Head Teachers in Schools – Wednesday 15th November 2023 – Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:30 – 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

[Supporting more-able pupils at KS1 with reading into writing - Session 1](#)

For all Year 1 & 2 Teachers, ECTs, Subject Leaders and Key Stage/ Phase Leaders – Thursday 16th November 2023 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 14:00 – 17:00 - £145 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £165 per person per session – academies.

[Writing with purpose: Reframing Success Criteria](#)

For all Literacy/English Subject Leaders, Class Teachers in KS1, KS2 & KS3 – Monday 27th November 2023 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:30 – 16:30 -

£145 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £165 per person per session – academies.

[Explicit Teaching of Vocabulary](#)

For all English/Literacy Subject Leaders and Key Stage 1 and 2 Class Teachers – Wednesday 6th December 2023 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:30 – 16:30 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

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[Planning and progression in primary music \(webinar\)](#) – Monday 6th November 4-5pm (£30)

[Becoming a music coordinator \(1\)](#) – Cambridgeshire Music, Histon – Wednesday 15th November 4 – 5:30pm (£150 for course which is spread over 3 dates)

[Discover Indian Folk Music](#)

A one-day workshop of Indian Classical Vocal style, tabla and rhythmic patterns in Indian Classical music, adapt your musical skills to incorporate Raag, Indian Dance, clothing, culture and traditional arts and crafts.

[Literacy in KS3 and GCSE Science](#)

For secondary teachers. 08 Nov 2023, 14.00 – 16.00, Saffron Walden County High School, from £80 with £50 subsidy available

[FREE Secondary Science TeachMeet](#)

For secondary teachers. 13 Nov 2023, 15.30 – 16.30, remote delivered, FREE

[End of KS2 Moderation in Science](#)

For primary teachers. 3 sessions starting 08 Dec 2023, 13.00 – 16.00, West Town Primary Academy, from £285 with £185 subsidy available

[Developing and Evaluating Your Safeguarding Culture](#) (Book under Leadership and Management of Safeguarding Tab)

Audience: Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Governors, Designated Safeguarding Leads, Aspiring Leaders in schools and academies across all phases.

Monday 6 November 11.00-12.30 Virtual course, £55 (90-minute course)

NEW - [Dealing with Challenging Parents](#)(Book under Leadership and Management of Safeguarding Tab)

Audience: Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Designated Safeguarding Leads, Aspiring Leaders in schools and academies across all phases.

Wednesday 8 November 09.00-10.30 at Sunley House, Papworth Face to face course, £55 (90-minute course)

[Critical Incident Planning](#) (Book under Leadership and Management of Safeguarding Tab)

Audience: Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Designated Safeguarding Leads, Aspiring Leaders in schools and academies across all phases.

Friday 17 November 09.30-10.30 Virtual course, £35

[Developing RSE in Primary & Special Schools](#)

15th November 2023, 1.30pm-3.30pm or 15th May 2024, 3.30pm-5pm. Online. £40 subscribing schools, £50 for non-subscribing schools.

Audience: Senior Leaders, PSHE Leads, and Governors.

[Preparing Young People for a Rapidly Changing World – Form the Future Annual Conference](#)

For Primary and Secondary headteachers, careers leads, and Governors. Friday 1 December 2023, 09:00-18:00. At The Moller Institute, Churchill College, Cambridge. Tickets cost from £25 for educators, including lunch and refreshments.

[RE and Ofsted – Primary Schools](#)

Tuesday 7 November 2023, 3.30 – 5.00pm, via Zoom, £29 for LA schools and £39 for academies. This session will consider the requirements for OFSTED and Religious Education and the deep dive process. To look at how RE can fit into the broader curriculum and to understand the requirements of RE as a core subject.

[Primary PE Subject Leader Network meeting](#)

14th November 2023 and 14th March 2024 – 1.30pm-3.30pm. Online. £49 each

Audience: Primary phase pe coordinators. It is recommended Leads attend both meetings as topics will be different.

[Cambridgeshire English Conference 2023 – Empowering Writers](#) – Conference tab

Audience: English Subject Leaders, Senior Leaders, KS1 & KS2 teachers. Tuesday 7th November 2023, 09:00 – 16:00. Face to face training at Huntingdon Delta (Marriott) Hotel, £130 per place for Cambs LA schools & £150 per place for out of county schools, Cambs academies and independent schools

[SIS - New to English & Maths Subject Leadership](#) – Developing Leadership tab

Audience: Subject Leaders of maths & English. Session 1 of 5 - Thursday 16th October 2023, 13:30 – 16:00. Face to face training at Stanton House Huntingdon. £65 per place per session for Cambs LA schools or £300 for all 5 sessions & £75 per place per session for out of county schools, Cambs academies and independent schools or £350 for all 5 sessions.

[Level 5 Certificate in Primary School PE Specialism/Level 6 Award in Primary School PE Subject Leadership](#)

6/8 dates starting 13th February 2024 – 9.30am-4.30pm. Sunley House, Papworth Everard. £1125/£1400

Audience: PE Leads and all teachers in primary school PE. It is also ideal for HLTAs, Tas and sports coaches employed in schools.

[RE and Ofsted - Primary Schools](#)

7th November 2023, 3.30 to 5.00 pm, via Zoom.

£29 for LA schools and £39 for academies.

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