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Dear Reader

All employees in the Education Directorate would like to take this opportunity to thank school leaders and teaching and non-teaching staff for their hard work during the Autumn-term and for the whole of the past year.

Each and every person makes a valuable contribution to ensuring that children and young people are safe in school, have good attendance and receive a high-quality education. The impact of this work is evident in narrowing the gaps to national levels of attainment in several areas and increases to

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the proportion of good and outstanding schools in Peterborough.

It has been a huge privilege for us to visit schools and work in partnership with you this year. For those staff who celebrate, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope that all staff have a restful holiday over the forthcoming break.

[Nick Beech](#), Head of School Improvement

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Marc Rowland - Effective Use of the Pupil Premium

We are delighted to have secured Marc Rowland to speak to school leaders on the effective use of the Pupil Premium in early March 2024. Marc is very engaging speaker and an expert in this area and addressing the attainment gap for disadvantaged students. The session is cross phase and open to school staff and governors. Full details can be found using the link below.

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/9e061c34a7.html>

Please book early as places will also be offered to schools in neighbouring Local Authorities early in the New Year.

Keeping well this winter and festive period

Some children & young people (CYP) with asthma find their airways are more sensitive to changes in temperature so in cold weather, their symptoms often get worse. However, it doesn't have to be that way and it's possible to be symptom-free – even in winter.

The following advice can help you keep your child well during the winter:

- Make sure that they take their preventer inhaler as prescribed – using a preventer inhaler as prescribed helps the airways become less sensitive.
- Keep their reliever inhaler with you or ensure they always carry their reliever inhaler with them in case they need it in an emergency.
- Check their inhaler technique – using their inhaler properly is important. Talk to your doctor or asthma nurse if you feel you need help with this.
- Wrapping up – keeping warm & wearing a scarf/snood over their nose and mouth to help warm up the air before your child breathes it in. Breathing through their nose will also help warm up the air before it reaches their lungs.

Flu vaccines are very important, look at this information from Asthma & Lung UK:

<https://www.asthmaandlung.org.uk/living-with/festive#will-the-festive-season-make-my-lung-condition-worse>

If you are thinking of getting a real Christmas tree this year, please read this advice:

<https://www.asthmaandlung.org.uk/living-with/festive#christmas-trees>

Asthma & Lung UK has made a good Christmas checklist, take a look here:

<https://www.asthmaandlung.org.uk/living-with/festive#festive-checklist>

Merry Christmas from the CYP Community Asthma Team!

Christmas at Wisbech Adventure Playground

Wisbech Adventure Playground Christmas

Wisbech Adventure Playground is holding three events over the Christmas period ; a movie evening for families on 15 Dec (4.00 pm until 6.00 pm), £1.50 a ticket purchased from the playground . There will be a visit from Santa and his Elf on 19 December (3.30 pm until 4.15 pm), and a free disco for 2 - 7 year olds and an adult to accompany them 20 December (4.00 pm until 5.30 pm).

Peterborough Music Hub Presents: Mimi and the Mountain Dragon

Peterborough Music Hub



On 28th November, Peterborough Music Hub invited two thousand children from Peterborough Schools to a full screening of Michael Morpurgo's 'Mimi and the Mountain Dragon' with live music at New Theatre, Peterborough. Rachel Portman's Epic score was performed by Peterborough Youth Orchestra, young singers and professional musicians from across the city, along with a narrator and a BSL interpreter. The evening performance was attended by the Oscar winning composer, Rachel Portman OBE, James Burstall, film and tv producer and CEO of Argonon Productions and also by the Mayor of Peterborough. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive both from audiences and performers alike.

Mental Health and Relationships Programme - Event 4 - Practitioners' Briefings

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 focusing on one or both of the main resources provided. The session is for colleagues who will be leading the delivering either the Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation Pack or the Promotion Healthy friendship Pack. The session will focus on practical considerations, examples of good practice and logistics.

The practitioners' briefings will be held online:

Focus	Date	Time
Promoting Healthy Friendships Pack	10 th Jan	3.45 - 4.45 pm
Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation Pack	11 th Jan	3.45 - 4.45 pm

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

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

Peterborough Food Survey

Peterborough Food Partnership is a network made up of representatives from the local farming community, local food businesses, the public sector, Peterborough City Council, NGOs, community food groups and our local academic institutions working to develop a sustainable, regenerative, and fair food system for Peterborough.

The Peterborough Food Partnership would like to know what citizens think before developing a sustainable food strategy for the city. We are inviting schools to share their views through our survey: [Peterborough Food Survey \(surveymonkeys.com/surveys/Peterborough-Food-Survey\)](https://surveymonkeys.com/surveys/Peterborough-Food-Survey)

This survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete and will help develop Peterborough's first Food Strategy.

Changes to Microsoft 365 Storage Limits

Microsoft is introducing changes to its Microsoft 365 Office suite which will set limits to the amount of storage across OneDrive, SharePoint (including Teams) and Exchange email. It is expected that this will not impact most schools, however, it does mean that you should review data storage to understand how much your school is using and work to delete or archive files no longer in use. From 1 February 2024, your students and staff may start to see warnings appear if they are near or over the new storage limit for Microsoft 365 for Education across OneDrive, SharePoint and Exchange email for schools.

From 1 August 2024, Microsoft will be enforcing the limit on how much storage can be used for storing your files and information and your school users will need to make sure they stay under their storage limit. **What kind of Microsoft Licence is affected?** All school tenants will receive 100TB of free pooled storage across OneDrive, SharePoint, and Exchange, with an additional 50GB-100GB of pooled storage per paid user for A3 and A5 subscriptions, respectively (not including Student Use Benefits). With pooled storage, a schools' total storage limit is the maximum amount

of storage all users combined can use. Users of Office 365 A1 (free subscription) will be limited to a maximum of 100GB for OneDrive storage, within the 100TB of pooled storage for the school tenant. Schools will have the option to purchase incremental storage based on their needs. **You can download our summary [Information Management & Guidance here](#).**

The ICT Service is currently assessing the current storage usage for schools with Microsoft 365 tenancies that have support agreements with them*.

They will make direct contact with the schools that are assessed as most likely to be affected by the new limits, should the best practice advice above not be acted on. **If you are not subscribed to The ICT Service for your IT support, then please ensure you raise awareness of these changes with your IT provider so they can check 'business as usual' will not be affected for your school after the limits come into affect.*

To talk to The ICT Service further about storage in Microsoft 365, or to ask questions please contact sales@theictservice.org.uk or call them on 0300 300 0000.

Specialist Qualification for Primary PE Subject Leaders

The recent Ofsted Physical Education '[Levelling the Playing Field](#)' document identified the need for greater rigour in the leadership of Primary School PE.

For over a decade now, Cambridgeshire's PE Advisory Service has delivered the Level 6 Primary PE Subject leadership award. This professionally recognised qualification helps develop a deeper understanding of teachers' role as a physical education (PE) leader, and enhances the ability to design, lead and evaluate a targeted strategy for primary school PE. This qualification has been identified as best practice by DfE, and is regarded as a good use of the PE Premium funding. Details are here: [PE Premium Funding](#)

Contact ian.Roberts@cambridgeshire.gov.uk for more details

Help young people upskill in keeping safe around dogs

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Dogs have been in the press so much recently and have left many young people feeling worried and unsure of how best to stay safe around them. Woodgreen offer free, engaging dog safety workshops across ages 4 – 14. These empower young people to understand that dogs have feelings too, and teach valuable key skills on safe behaviours around dogs in a range of different situations,

both at home and out in the local community. For full details visit [Woodgreen workshops for primary and secondary schools](#) Bookings now open for the spring term on a first come first served basis, to book email community@woodgreen.org.uk

DfE Attendance Hubs

The DfE are establishing Attendance Hubs.

Do join an attendance hub to get support and resources to improve your approach to managing attendance and significantly reduce absence in your school.

The hubs will be led by senior leaders in schools with effective attendance practice. Through their hubs, lead schools share their strategies and resources for improving attendance.

Please follow the link below for further information:

[Attendance hubs](#)

Free Parental Conflict course for parents - Getting it Right for Children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Getting it Right for Children is a free online course designed to help families parent co-operatively. Parents will learn: how to stay calm and listen, why it's helpful to see things from a different point of view and what to do to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.

Parents living in Cambridgeshire or Peterborough can access it for free at <https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents>

This course is not suitable for victims of domestic abuse.

Unlocking the evidence: Literacy - developing pupils' language capabilities - 6th February 2024

The Huntington Research School (sponsored by the Education Endowment Foundation) has been one of the schools at the forefront of making evidence-based practice the norm in schools. They are offering a free twilight webinar on 6th February 2024, Unlocking the evidence: Literacy - developing pupils' language capabilities . This webinar is aimed at Literacy Leaders across all phases and classroom teachers. Please find the booking link below.

[COU256 Unlocking the evidence: Literacy Huntington Research School](#)

Training / Events

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

For all Year 2 Teachers including those new to Year 2 or ECTs - Tuesday 16th January 2024 – Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:15 – 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](#)

For all Year 1 & 2 Teachers, ECTs, Subject Leaders and Key Stage/ Phase Leaders – **Session 1** Tuesday 23rd January 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 14:00 – 17:00 - **Session 2** Tuesday 23rd April 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 14:00 – 17:00 - £145 per person for both sessions - LA maintained schools / £165 per person for both sessions – academies.

[Literacy Subject Leader Meeting - Spring Term](#)

For all Literacy/English Subject Leaders and/or Senior Leaders – Thursday 8th February 2024 – Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:15 – 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

[Maths Subject Leader Meeting - Spring Term](#)

For all Maths Subject Leaders and/or Senior Leaders – Tuesday 13th February 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:30 – 16:30 - £79 per person - LA maintained schools / £89 per person – academies.

[Leading end of KS2 Writing in-school or cross-school moderation](#)

For all Phase Leaders, subject leaders or those leading KS2 writing moderation in or between schools – Thursday 15th February 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:15 – 16:15 - £79 per person - LA maintained schools / £89 per person – academies.

[Writing Moderation for Year groups with no Statutory Assessment of Writing Year 1](#)

For all Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 class teachers, ECTs, Subject Leaders and Assessment Leaders – Wednesday 28th February 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 14:00 – 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

[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.

Audience: Any teacher, coach or assistant in KS1 and KS2 who teaches dance type activities.

[Body Image for Primary Schools](#)

13th February 2024, 1.30pm-3.30pm. Online. £40 subscribing schools, £50 for non-subscribing schools.

Audience: PSHE Leads and KS2 teachers in primary schools.

[Promoting Inclusivity in your STEM Curriculum](#)

For secondary teachers. 09 Jan 2024, 16.00 – 18.00, Ormiston Bushfield Academy, from £50 with £35 subsidy available

[Preparing Pupils for the GCSE Assessment of Practical Skills](#)

For secondary teachers. 17 Jan 2024, 14.00 – 16.00, Swavesey Village College, from £80 with £50 subsidy available

[Diagnostic Teaching and Dealing with Misconceptions in Secondary Science](#)

For secondary teachers. 2 sessions starting 07 Mar 2024, 16.00 – 17.00, remote delivered, from £90 with £60 subsidy available

[SIS 1st Class@Number 1](#) – Maths Intervention Tab

Audience: Maths Subject Leaders, Year 2 Teachers & Teaching Assistants Session 1 of 5 – Friday 12th January 2024 09:15 – 15:30. Face to face training at Stanton House, Huntingdon, £775 per school for Cambs LA schools & £850 per school for out of county schools, Cambs academies and independent schools.

[Moving and Handling Young Children](#)

This is an introductory Moving & Handling session aimed at staff in nursery/reception classes within schools.

Tuesday 30th January 2024, 13:30 – 14:30

On Microsoft Teams

FREE

[Peterborough Museum Teacher Open Evening](#)

For all teachers, particularly primary history and science leads or those responsible for trips.

Tuesday 16th January 2024, 17.00-18.30. Peterborough Museum, free.

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