



SPHA

Suffolk Primary

Headteachers'

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Good morning,

So we are knocking on the door of December and all the merriment (and hard work!) that brings. There will only be two more updates for the Autumn term. If there are any matters you would like me to raise at the final meeting of the term with the LA on 18th December- then please do let me know. Maria Hough attended the LA/SPHA meeting this week and some interesting issues surrounding SEND needs in schools were raised and shared. I would like to continue to ensure that LA officers are fully aware of the issues that schools are dealing with, so please do keep me up to date with your situation. There has also been some media interest in the significant increase in fixed term exclusions, so if you have anything worthy of sharing please do so. I have attached the Inclusion Services brochure which is a useful source of update to information.

Children Alliance

Have you heard of this? I hadn't until I meet Sara Blake this week. I have attached a schools briefing document for you. Anyway, I am pleased to share with that Sara is leading on some very exciting FUNDED transformational work around speech and language provision for primary schools. WATCH THIS SPACE! She will be attending the SPHA Executive Committee meeting on Monday 28th January 2019 as we consider the most effective way of rolling this out to schools. Should you not be able to wait until the Spring term to find out the details, she is happy for you to make contact with her directly.

Spring 2019 Conference

Make sure you put **Friday 22nd March 2019** in your diary now. It will be held at The Athenaeum in Bury St Edmunds The theme for this one day conference will be "Making a little (£) go a long, long way". Our keynote speaker is Rhona Tutt. Booking details will be circulated in the New Year with an extra incentive to bring a colleague who has never attended a SPHA event! It will be buy place one get one free! We look forward to having a packed venue but keep your eyes peeled as there will be limited numbers.

My phone number will be changing from January 1st 2019, I can be contacted on 07879491093 from now, the old number will not be active in the New Year.

?Worth Less Campaign

Latest action/update from Jules White (*attached letters to Mr Hinds and Lord Agnew, Media Links to DfE Costs*)

Dear all,

I would be grateful if you could share this email and the attachments ASAP across your locality / LA

I believe that we are gathering momentum. We now have 60 LAs on board. Can you get another?

Key points include:

- A focus on £500m emergency SEND / HNB funding. This will help some of our most disadvantaged families and reduce the impact on school budgets if HNB transfers are stopped.

<https://www.tes.com/news/half-billion-shortfall-school-send-funding-crisis>

- WL? wrote to 30 prominent (mainly Conservative) MPs requesting cross party support for emergency funding. Currently we have 6 replies and 6 yeses. Oliver Letwin, Steve Brine, Sarah Wollaston, Julian Lewis (all Con), James Frith (Lab), Norman Lamb (Lib Dem). Please let me know if you want any copies
- Please read my letters to Damian Hinds and Lord Agnew – both are close personal friends now
- ITN coverage on our survey is in hand
- I / we (Sean Maher and Catharine Darnton) had meetings lined up with Layla Moran and Ed Davey (Lib Dem) and Anne Main (Con) for Dec 12. This is now the Brexit day vote so it is likely to be Jan before see them
- We are collaborating and receiving great support from parent groups, professional associations, Heads RT, F40 and SSAT. (Nick Wergan is speaking for WL? at the SSAT conference on Dec 5
- I'm strongly tipped for a gong in the new year's honours list – see this link

<https://www.tes.com/news/schools-receive-more-cash-after-dfe-admits-double-counting-pupils>

Have a good rest of the week

Thanks Jules White

Headteachers meeting with Suffolk MPs

This is planned for **Friday 15th February at 9.30am at Guildhall Feoffment Primary**- so far I have four headteachers who have committed to attending, we

could do with 6 or 7 more. Please let me know if you are able to attend. I have heard back from four MPs (out of 7!),they are all checking their diaries!

CALLING ALL SCHOOLS IN THE WAVENEY AREA!

Peter Aldous, MP for Waveney has asked that we arrange a meeting in his area. Listed below are some dates he is available if you are able to offer a venue please do get in touch with me.

Friday 18th January anytime
Friday 25th January pm
Friday 1st February 12:00 onwards
Friday 8th February anytime

Friday 18th January 2019
SAVE THE DATE!

A one minute national day of action....(not sure what this will look like but save the date and live on the edge!)

Watch this space!

FREE!

Neglect Conference 17th January 2019

<https://mailchi.mp/6661622165fc/suffolk-safeguarding-children-board-newsletter-1431805?e=e9f34e55ab>

FREE – Past to your RE Lead/Co-ordinator

Inspired Classrooms

The Online Toolkit for Schools and Churches

Exploring churches as places of creative learning across the curriculum

www.inspiredclassrooms.org

Worth a read!

- [Do reward stickers work at any age ?https://www.tes.com/news/do-reward-stickers-work-any-age?amp&twitterimpression=true](https://www.tes.com/news/do-reward-stickers-work-any-age?amp&twitterimpression=true)
- Mental health needs – the anxious or worried child https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/mental-health-needs/the-anxious-or-worried-child?mc_cid=b3b268656b&mc_eid=1282c88daa
- Narrowing the gap through parental engagement – PowerPoint presentation attached

CPD opportunities- these are not recommendations from SPHA merely opportunities you may like to consider (details attached or links)

SAVE THE DATE 15TH MARCH 2019

Please find information below and attached for an event of the Ipswich Cultural Education Partnership on the 15th March 2019 - Ipswich

You can register interest here: ipswichlcep.eventbrite.co.uk

CONNECT ED

- **Robust Instruction to Improve Reading Comprehension-** Clare Sealy
26th February 2019

On Tuesday 2nd April 2019, **ConnectED TSA** will be welcoming **David Didauto** Suffolk to promote debate and reflection about the curriculum at:

A Good Education – How schools can ensure that they are ‘doing the right thing by their pupils’

David, an English Teacher for 15 years, is now a full time writer, speaker and consultant. He is **author** of several books including **‘What If Everything You Knew about Education was Wrong?’** and writes one of the most influential **education blogs** in the U.K. **‘The Learning Spy.’**

With a particular focus on: why intelligence matters; how teachers can increase children’s intelligence; and the implications of recent research for the ‘how’ and ‘what’ of the curriculum, the outcomes from the day should enable teachers and school leaders to clarify their thinking about ‘a good education.’

Full details can be found on the attached flyer, or at www.connectedtsa.org/a-good-education/

Don’t miss out on this fabulous opportunity, taking place at Ipswich High School, IP9 1AZ.

*****Book by 31st December 2018 to take advantage of our special ‘Early Bird’ discount, with places costing £60 per delegate which includes refreshments and a light lunch. Please note the price will rise to £70 per delegate from 1st January 2019. *****

To book your place, please email admin@connectEDtsa.org

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