



**SPHA**

Suffolk Primary

Headteachers'

Association

Achieving the best

outcomes for Suffolk's children

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## **HAPPY HALF TERM!**

Good morning,

I do hope you all have something relaxing planned for next week and the weather is kind to us. I am being true to my word this week and making this a short and sweet update. We have our next meeting with the LA on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** so if there are any issues or queries you would like me to raise on your behalf please do let me know.

### **HTN update from Judith Mobbs**

- A number of schools have made contact to ask when the initial payment of the 70% of funding as promised in my letter to each affected school will be paid. I can confirm that payments will be made this week, prior to half term.
- I am very pleased to confirm that Izzy Connell, who will already be known to many Headteachers, and has expertise in SEND as well as strong relationships with schools, has been seconded to lead the quality assurance process required to confirm the allocation of the new high needs bands to mainstream pupils. She will begin this work immediately after half term, with the working group appointed by Schools' Forum, also meeting in that week. Members of the working group are Gill Mitchell, Dawn Carmen-Jones and Michelle Hughes. Once a process has been finalised with the working group individual information will be sent to each school regarding timing for their bandings to be finalised.

***Programme attached***

**Spring 2019 Conference**  
**for School Leaders in Suffolk**  
The Athenaeum in Bury St Edmunds

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

“ Making a little (£) go a long, long way”.

Our keynote speaker is Rona Tutt

SEND Provision: Maintaining quality in the current climate.

A booking form is attached, bring a headteacher/principal/head of school/acting/interim colleague who has never attended a SPHA event and get your place for FREE! There are limited places so do not delay in booking your place.

**Charter College of Teaching-** if you haven't got membership for school you are missing out!

<https://members.chartered.college/join>

Raising the Bar Awards

**SAVE THE DATE**

10<sup>th</sup> July 2019

New style awards event!

**Period Poverty** affects 1 in 10 girls in the UK. Public Health Suffolk are undertaking an audit to identify where this issue is occurring and how we can support school aged girls affected within Suffolk. We will be contacting schools after half term to help us collect this information.

If you wish to undertake the survey now, you can do this here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/3GJ5V/> or if there is someone within your school who you wish to have the survey sent to, please contact me at: [karen.mccormack@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:karen.mccormack@suffolk.gov.uk)

## **SPHA Summer Conference 2019**

“*Success is a science, get the conditions right and you get success*” Albert Einstein  
leading a well school

Andy Cope “ The Art of Brilliance” Key note speaker

**SAVE THE DATE**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

High Lodge, Darsham

### **DfE Guidance**

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/intention-and-substance-primary-school-science-curriculum-research>

## Worth a read!

- **Good to dream! If money was no object what would be the top ICT equipment to have in classrooms.** [https://www.teachertoolkit.co.uk/2015/07/24/ict-equipment/?utm\\_content=buffer38043&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](https://www.teachertoolkit.co.uk/2015/07/24/ict-equipment/?utm_content=buffer38043&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)
- **Rethinking assemblies** <https://www.peterhyman.co.uk/blog/rethinking-assemblies>
- **Peer review a better alternative to OFSTED** <https://www.tes.com/news/peer-review-better-alternative-ofsted>

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

### **TA Development & Network Group – Personal & Professional Conduct**

**Date:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Times:** 1.30pm to 4.30pm

**Location:** Barrow CEVC Primary School, IP29 5AU

**Cost:** £20 per delegate per session

*Aims to improve the professional impact that Teaching Assistants can have by giving them opportunities to deepen their knowledge & understanding of the role, responsibilities & expectations of Teaching Assistants and to share good practice.*

*The course provides an introduction to Professional Standards for Teaching Assistants addressing a different theme each session.*

#### ***Session 1: Personal & Professional Conduct***

*Focusing particularly on how Teaching Assistants:*

- *Understand the teacher assistant standards.*
- *Commit to improving their own practice through self-evaluation & awareness.*

**To book a place please email [admin@connectedtsa.org](mailto:admin@connectedtsa.org) with the delegate's name; delegate's email address and the course title.**

### **Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural Education – Skills, Knowledge & Resources**

**Date:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Times:** 4.00pm to 6.00pm

**Location:** Barrow CEVC Primary School, IP29 5AU

**Cost:** £30 per delegate

*This course will enable teachers to explore:*

- *What is Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural Education?*
- *How the knowledge & skills associated with SMSC can be in a creative & engaging way*
- *How they might use the free SMSC resources – which include 8 days of lesson plans for Reception to Year 6 - on the ConnectED TSA website*

To book a place please email [admin@connectedtsa.org](mailto:admin@connectedtsa.org) with the delegate's name; delegate's email address and the course title.

### Comparative Judgement – The next big revolution in assessment

Date: Wednesday 6th March 2019

Times: 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Location: Barrow CEVC Primary School, IP29 5AU

Cost: FREE

*Comparative judgement offers a different way of assessing writing which reduces reliance on prose descriptors. Markers look at a pair of essays and to judge which one is better. The judgement they make is a holistic one about the overall quality of the writing.*

*Once all the judgements have been made, teachers identify particular strengths, weaknesses and learning needs and use these to inform future teaching.*

*Teachers are also able to complete these judgements relatively rapidly, leading to reductions in workload too.*

*This course, run by Oxford University Press, offers School Leaders, Assessment Leads & English Subject Leaders an opportunity to:*

- *Find out more about Comparative Judgement and the assessment principles which underpin it*
- *Participate in a 'live' judging session to see how Comparative Judgement works in practice*

To book a place please email [admin@connectedtsa.org](mailto:admin@connectedtsa.org) with the delegate's name; delegate's email address and the course title.

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

Date: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

Times: 9.30am to 3.30pm

Location: Ipswich High School, IP9 1AZ

Cost: £70 per delegate including refreshments and a light lunch

*Author David Didau will promote debate and reflection about the curriculum by presenting recent research into teaching, learning and a knowledge-based curriculum, focusing particularly on:*

- *why intelligence matters*

- *how teachers can increase children's intelligence*
- *the implications of recent research for the 'how' & 'what' of the curriculum.*

*The outcomes from this day should enable teachers and school leaders to clarify their thinking about 'a good education', especially in relation to:*

*Intent – what is it that we want for all our children?*

*Implementation – how are teaching and assessment fulfilling the intent?*

*Impact – what are the results and wider outcomes that children achieve?*

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