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TEACHING SCHOOL

April 2015

As we reach the end of an incredibly busy and exciting term we look forward to the new challenges and collaborations ahead of us.

Even a dozen years ago few would have predicted the amount of collaboration and mutual support in the... system today. The shift from competition to collaboration, from topdown control to organisational autonomy has been quite remarkable. So too has been the emergence of the role of 'system leader' – someone in a leadership capacity who is as concerned about the progress of another school, college, children's centre or early years setting as they are about their own.

David Hopkins (The Emergence of System Leadership-2009)

Primary Excellence Courses and Development Programmes

Primary Excellence Administrator's Conference

We are excited to announce this informative and innovative day for School Administrators. Led and facilitated by our School Business Manager SLE and First Federation School Administrators

Wednesday 10th June
9:30 – 3:30
St Cuthberts Conference Centre
Buckfastleigh

Planned topics for discussion are:

- Sims End of Academic Year close down
- Admissions
- Free School Meals updates
- DBS / Disqualification by Association update

£25 including Lunch and all resources

Please contact Isabelle Candy for more information: enquiries@primaryexcellence.org

Outstanding Teacher Programme and Improving Teacher Programme

This term we have run four highly successful teaching programmes for schools across Devon. Teachers at completely different stages in their career have had the opportunity to learn new techniques and apply them in their classes and across their schools; they have developed their leadership skills and had the experience of visiting a range of settings.

Autumn 2015 Dates Announced!

Outstanding Teacher Programme commencing Wednesday 23rd September at Blackpool Primary School

Improving Teacher Programme commencing Thursday 1st October at Blackpool Primary School

Alternatively we are very happy to talk to you about how we can run a bespoke programme for you at your setting.

"I really valued being part of a supportive, yet challenging programme which really moves you forward as a professional".

If you are interested in your teachers taking part in one of these popular programmes, please contact: Isabelle Candy isabelle.candy@firstfederation.org to register your interest or Angela Jenkins angela.jenkins@primaryexcellence.org for more information.

Full details about these programmes can be found on our website:

<http://www.primaryexcellence.org/273/continuing-professional-development-overview>

Early Career Development:

Phonics for NQTs

In addition to our pedagogy based workshops, at the request of schools, we have designed two additional workshops based on phonics, one for EYFS/KS1 and one for KS2. This is to support teachers not only in Early Years but also for KS2 teachers to continue to use phonics in their teaching of reading and spelling.

The workshop details are:

- 19 May 2015: Good Practice in Phonics in EYFS and KS1
- 23 June 2015: Embedding Phonics and Decoding Skills into the KS2 Curriculum

Workshops cost £35 per delegate and include refreshments and materials. If you would like to book onto the workshops, please visit <http://www.primaryexcellence.org/284/nqt-phonics-training>

If you have any further development requirements for your NQTs, please contact us and we can discuss how we can provide additional support or create a bespoke package to meet the needs of schools. Please contact Tracey Cleverly tcleverly@astsa.org.

Specialist Leaders of Education (SLE)

Specialist Leaders of Education are outstanding middle and senior leaders who have the skills to support and individuals in similar positions in others schools. We are currently waiting for information about the next round of SLE recruitment.

More information about our SLEs can be found on our website:

<http://www.primaryexcellence.org/221/overview> .

Additionally, if you would like to discover more about how SLEs can help you to develop leadership across your school, please contact: angela.jenkins@primaryexcellence.org

Leadership Programmes

Leadership Development: Developing Future Leaders Programme

Primary Excellence Teaching School is part of a collaborative bid alongside other teaching schools in the South West who have secured funding to run this programme in 2015 / 2016. The programme is specifically designed for teachers in their 2nd/3rd/4th years of teaching with clear leadership potential. More details on this programme will be available from the end of May. In the meantime, for more information, please refer to the Devon Teaching School Website <http://goo.gl/fKc1UJ>

Research and Development

Early Years Improvement Grant

We are pleased to announce that both Primary Excellence and All Saints Teaching School were successful in securing funding for this Project. Primary Excellence are working in partnership with North Devon Teaching School Alliance to form four hubs across Devon each led by an Early Years SLE focusing on two year old provision. All Saints Teaching School are working with Torbay Teaching School Alliance to target and work alongside those EYFS settings in Torbay.

Primary Excellence Initial Teacher Training

We have been successfully recruiting trainees ready to start in September, and have been really impressed with the high calibre of candidates coming through. The recruitment process starts with a high quality application form which must clearly state the candidate's reasons for wanting to enter the Teaching Profession and what skills they feel they can bring. Once their application has been shortlisted, they are invited to interview, which includes a morning of various activities in order to give us chance to get to know the candidates and for them to be sure that Primary Excellence is the right provider for them. The morning includes a discussion, an activity with children based around a book, a formal interview and a Maths and Literacy task that asks them to reflect upon their morning and the course. This ensures that the candidates have had plenty of opportunities to show what they can offer, and we can be confident that we are recruiting high quality trainees that will be working in our schools.

If you would like to be involved in School Direct next year please contact Louise Hedger at

lhedger@lapsw.org

Keeping in touch with our latest news

You can find our latest news on our website www.primaryexcellence.org. In addition to this we have a Twitter account where you can see regular updates and information that you will find useful. Follow us [@PE_teachsch](https://twitter.com/PE_teachsch)

If you would like to join our alliance as a member or an associate, or know more about Primary Excellence Teaching School and how we can help your school, please contact:

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