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TEACHING SCHOOL

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Welcome to our 5th Newsletter of the year; a year which has seen our alliance grow and change, where different partnerships have been formed and a year in which teachers from across the region have worked together to share ideas and learn new knowledge, to truly reflect on the best practice for every child in their care.

Primary Excellence Courses and Development Programmes

Outstanding Teacher Programme and Improving Teacher Programme

This year over 70 teachers from across Devon have attended our OTP or ITP Programmes. Participants have had the chance to visit a variety of schools and we have ensured that each programme has been bespoke to the individual teachers taking part. We are currently contacting our Spring Term participants and headteachers for feedback on the impact the programme has had on them and their schools.

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

"I now have a really valuable tool to base my planning and teaching on. Each week I have learnt something new that I can take back into the classroom".



OTP and ITP Autumn 2015 Dates Announced!

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

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

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

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 and future dates for both of these programmes can be found on our website: <http://www.primaryexcellence.org/273/continuing-professional-development-overview>

Annual Administrators Conference

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported our first annual Administrator's Conference:

St Cuthbert's Conference Centre, Browne Jacobson, DCC Admissions, DCC Records Disclosure Service, Scomis and of course all of the Administrators who attended. Feedback was excellent and using the comments and suggestions, we have already started to plan next year's event.



"A great conference! There was a good mix of topics being discussed and this was a great opportunity to meet other administrators. Thank you for organising today."

"The conference was informative and gave us the chance to ask specific and relevant questions about areas we were unclear of. It was great to have something aimed at administrators only."

For more information and to view example presentations from the day please visit <http://www.primaryexcellence.org/293/primary-school-administrators-conference>.

Or alternatively, if you have any suggestions for next year's event please contact us at enquiries@primaryexcellence.org

School Teaching and Learning Reviews

We have dates available for next year! This popular review provides an independent opinion of a whole school's teaching & learning through:

- a review of the school's data
- lesson observation of every teacher
- work scrutiny
- discussions with pupils
- discussions with the senior leadership team
- discussion with the headteacher
- discussions with parents
- a review of the learning environment

Verbal feedback is given to teachers and the headteacher on the day, followed by a written report with judgements matched to Ofsted criteria.

The reviewers are all experienced headteachers, and include:

- two National Leaders of Education
- two Ofsted inspectors
- a former local authority Principal Inspector.

For more information contact Rick Baker at enquiries@primaryexcellence.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 recruiting Specialist Leaders of Education to join our established team. Are you an experienced leader who is ready to support others over a wider community? We are looking for Primary SLEs with skills in Maths, English, Assessment and IT.

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

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

For more information or to request an application form, please contact Angela Jenkins (Teaching School Leader) angela.jenkins@primaryexcellence.org

Leadership Programmes

National Professional Qualification for Middle Leaders

The National Professional Qualification for Middle Leadership (NPQML) is an opportunity for Middle Leaders to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence that are required to lead a high performing team in a school and to improve classroom practice.

The qualification is designed for Middle Leaders who have responsibility for leading a team, including leading a key stage or a curriculum subject as well as for Heads of Department and Pastoral Leaders.

National Professional Qualification for Senior Leaders.

This is an exciting and rewarding qualification for Senior Leaders with cross school responsibility. The programme is appropriate for experienced Middle Leaders, Deputy Heads, Assistant Heads, SENCOs, advanced skills teachers and other senior staff looking for excellent professional development, but not aspiring to headship at this stage of their career .

We welcome applicants from across the South West region.

“Application rounds for NPQML and NPQSL are now open.”

Please follow the link for more information www.leadingchoolssouthwest.org.uk

Research and Development

Early Years Improvement Grant



We launched our Early Years project at the end of May. The day was attended by 15 practitioners from Early Years settings (PVI) from across the South Hams, Newton Abbot and its neighbouring areas.

During the day, practitioners spent time networking and reflecting on their current practice as well as identifying

ways in which they can work together to ensure sustainable changes impact on the provision for our very youngest children.

Primary Excellence Specialist Leaders of Education are leading the project and will spend days this term in each setting getting to know their team and identifying strengths to share across the larger group. If you are interested in contributing to our project in anyway, please contact Angela Jenkins for more information. angela.jenkins@primaryexcellence.org .

Primary Excellence Initial Teacher Training

School Direct is an excellent way to solve your recruitment issues. As a School Direct Partner you are part of the selection, programme design and training of ITE trainees. Whilst there is no expectation that alliance schools employ a School Direct Trainee, this year over 70% of our trainees have secured posts in an alliance school. The popularity of our programme is growing and due to demand, we have had to increase our places to 20. As an alliance member who is part of the School Direct programme, you also receive an early career development package for any trainees you employ. This is over £1000 of training that they will receive at no cost to the alliance school.

If you are interested in joining the alliance and becoming a School Direct Partner School, please contact Louise Hedger, ITE Lead. Contact: lhedger@astsa.org or Fay Pollard enquiries@primaryexcellence.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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