



West Cornwall Teaching School

Termly West Cornwall Teaching School Bulletin- Summer Term 2019

We hope you had a wonderful and relaxing Easter break.

This bulletin details some of the events and opportunities coming up for the West Cornwall Teaching School.

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Cornwall Teaching Schools Together

The Teaching Schools in Cornwall have joined together to create some joint courses, events and school support. The group is called Cornwall Teaching Schools Together, CTST. This is a great way to connect with other schools in Cornwall, as well as pooling expertise and funding to provide further opportunities. It has been valuable collaborating with this group of Teaching Schools and creating this network.

Spring Term Successes

CPD Courses and Events

Thank you to all of the trainers who have contributed to the success of the CPD opportunities for the West Cornwall Teaching School. We have been delighted to team up with Kingsbridge College, part of the Education Endowment Fund (EEF), to create a series of events for school improvement. This has been in partnership with CTST (Cornwall Teaching Schools Together).

- **Helen Edginton** has provided maths co-ordinator meetings for all MAT maths co-ordinators. These have been valuable for keeping schools in touch with the latest initiatives, as well as training on specific maths concepts and ideas.
- **The Education Endowment Fund (EEF)** have provided a bespoke course on Pupil Premium, consisting of three days with follow up tasks. The participants have become Pupil Premium specialists for their schools and the course has enabled them to create Pupil Premium policies and action plans relevant to their setting.
- **The Women in Leadership** course has been another success this year. Many thanks to Helen Argall at the Cornwall Teaching School for including us in such a worthwhile event.
- **Andrew Mercer's** training 'Autism Spectrum- conditions, concerns and strategies' was a great success and provided many teachers, teaching assistants and parents with further information and guidance.

Maths Successes- Spring Term

University of Plymouth Challenge Days

We were delighted to be able to take nearly 50 children to the University of Plymouth over two days. They were taught maths at the University, focussing on problem solving and reasoning skills. This was such a wonderful opportunity to inspire the children and we would like to thank the children and their teachers for their support.

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Maths Intervention Sub Committee (MISC) Intervention Programme

A group of maths co-ordinators from the MAT (MISC) worked together to provide an 11 week enrichment programme for a group of 19 pupils from across 5 schools. The children visited different schools every week for 11 weeks to be taught by the maths co-ordinator. We are looking forward to learning about the children's future successes and wish them the very best of luck with their upcoming SATs tests.

Greater Depth Maths Group

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Alex Wells for teaching our Greater Depth maths group at Helston Community College this year. E-mails will be sent to all MAT Head Teachers with details of the new group starting in the next academic year.

Opportunities for the Summer Term

Maths Co-ordinator Meetings

Please note, the final maths co-ordinator meeting of this year will be held at the MAT conference room on Thursday 27th June.

Maths INSET training- We are delighted to welcome Helen Edginton back to deliver another INSET session which will be running on two consecutive days- September 4th and 5th 2019. The sessions will be based on the use of manipulatives to support mastery teaching. To sign up to one of the days or for further information, please e-mail Naomi Tostdevine at ntostdevine@parc-eglos.cornwall.sch.uk.

Virtues Course- Shona Pye will be delivering a course on Virtues Education on September 26th 2019. This is open to all teachers and teaching assistants. During the day, Shona will discuss the vocabulary of virtues and will look at how to empower teachers to support the growth and understanding of key virtues and character qualities in children. This enables children to develop emotional intelligence and self-belief. To book a place on this course, please e-mail Naomi Tostdevine at ntostdevine@parc-eglos.cornwall.sch.uk.

The Education Endowment Fund (EEF)- Following the success of the Pupil Premium course, the EEF will be hosting another training package designed around metacognition in schools. This will consist of three days of training for teachers who would be interested in becoming metacognition specialists within their schools. The training will start in September 2019 and course leaflets will be sent to all Head Teachers in due course.

Other Business

School Support- Specialist Leaders in Education (SLEs)

As a Teaching School, we have the capacity to support schools through SLE deployment. If you would like any support or advice, please contact Brett Dye at head@parc-eglos.cornwall.sch.uk. We will always endeavour to support individuals or schools where possible, and in any subject area. We would like to congratulate Mrs Deborah Saunders from An Daras MAT on becoming our latest SLE, specialising in school improvement across all areas and Key Stage 1 moderation. If you are interested in becoming an SLE, please contact Naomi Tostdevine for further information (ntostdevine@parc-eglos.cornwall.sch.uk). We are currently recruiting and have application forms available now.

Maternity Leave

Mrs Katie Cotterill will be starting her maternity leave on May 7th. Mrs Sarah Richards will be resuming the position of Teaching School Lead in her absence. Sarah is a well experienced classroom teacher, assistant Head Teacher and SLE.