

LA weekly eRed Bag mailing

Week beginning 30 October 2017

This email is an official communication to schools from the North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service.

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For Action

Consultation on revised statutory guidance for VSH and designated teachers

Audience: All schools

The Government has launched a consultation seeking views on changes to two statutory guidance documents: Promoting the education of looked after children; and Roles and responsibilities of designated teachers for looked after children.

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 expanded the role of both Virtual School Heads and designated teachers to include the provision of information and advice to certain previously looked after children and their families. The guidance has been revised to reflect this change and new developments in policy, research and practice for these children and young people. We want your views on the proposed changes.

The consultation will run from 16/10/17 until 27/11/17 and can be accessed at:

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/children-in-care/revised-guidance-for-virtual-school-heads-and-desi/>

Cascade to:

Head teachers and designated teachers for Looked After Children

Action required:

Take the survey on the web link

Contact email: virtualschool@northyorks.gov.uk Julie Bunn - Virtual School Head

Information, updates and guidance

Dealing with Freedom of Information requests in schools	
<p>Audience: all schools</p> <p>Please see this recent document from our colleagues at Veritau who organise our Freedom of Information requests. Alternatively you can visit their pages on the CYPS website for more information about FOI.</p>	<p>Cascade to:</p> <p>Head teachers, admin staff and interested parties.</p>
<p>Contact: matt.north@veritau.co.uk</p>	

The Yorkshire and Humber Governor Support Group Conference 2017	
<p>Audience: all schools</p> <p>The Yorkshire and Humber Governor Support Group is holding a regional conference to raise awareness of how expectations of clerks are changing and in particular the implications of the Clerking Competency Framework 2017.</p> <p>Event is being held on 16th Nov 2017 at Hinsley Hall, Leeds at a cost of £55 per delegate. Please see this flyer for more information</p>	<p>Cascade to:</p> <p>Schools based clerks, Headteachers, Chairs of Governance</p>
<p>Contact: Margaret Burton (Email: Margaret.Burton@northyorks.gov.uk)</p>	

Early Years Key Messages Newsletter for October 2017	
<p>Audience: All Early Years Providers</p> <p>Please click on this link for information / training opportunities for Early Years Providers</p>	<p>Cascade to:</p> <p>All early years staff</p>
<p>Contact: See messages for individual contact details</p>	

Chief Executive's key messages	
<p>Audience: all schools</p> <p>The latest edition of the Chief Executive's key message for staff can be found at http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/chief-executives-key-messages</p>	<p>Cascade to:</p> <p>All school staff</p>
<p>Contact: See messages for individual contact details</p>	

Events and publicity

Debating Competition 2018 – calling all future public speakers or politicians!

Please click [here](#) for more details.

Audience: Primary Schools

The dates for the 2018 regional heats are:

- 09 March 2018 – Hambleton, 12 March 2018 – Selby,
- 14 March 2018 - Scarborough 16 March 2018 - Harrogate
- 19 March 2018 - Craven 20 March 2018 - Ryedale
- 23 March 2018 – Richmondshire

The County Final will be held at County Hall, Northallerton Friday 15 June and concludes with a buffet lunch and presentation ceremony.

Those schools wishing to submit an entry for consideration should ensure that:

- They are able to field a team of six pupils who are currently in either Y5 or Y6.
- The team has two children who will present the debate and four to ask questions (each speaker having two minutes followed by four minutes for questions from any of the schools present)
- Are likely to be available on the relevant date above (i.e. your local District Council area)

Cascade to:

Head teachers and admin staff.

The topic for this year's competition will be:

Is social media a danger to children?



Contact: Leith.McRobert@northyorks.gov.uk or Catherine.McGuinness@northyorks.gov.uk
please [click here](#) for further information

Wednesday 29th November 10-2pm Come along to our free* Pupil Energy Event

Bramall Learning Centre, RHS Garden Harlow Carr, Harrogate.

Audience: Primary Schools

Bring a team of Eco Committee or School Council pupils to take part in an action packed Energy Day. Pupils will take part in three interactive workshops to find out more about saving energy in school, how energy is produced by renewable energy and the global impact of our energy use.

Please note staff and pupils will need to bring a packed lunch and all drinks as refreshments cannot be provided. You will be free to have lunch in the beautiful grounds at Harlow Carr over lunchtime. Please wear suitable outdoor clothing as some of the workshops will take place outside.

Places are limited to 10 pupils per school (90 pupil limit for the event).

To make your booking, please contact the Harlow Carr booking team on 01423 724646 or email schoolsharlowcarr@rhs.org.uk quoting 'Pupil Energy Event'. *Please note schools signed up to the Energy Traded Total Service can attend this event for free, for other schools a £50 charge will be made.

Cascade to:

All primary school staff

Contact: If you would like to discuss any details before making your booking please contact Ruth Stacey: ruth.stacey@northyorks.gov.uk 07792954112.
To book Harlow Carr booking team on 01423 724646 or email schoolsharlowcarr@rhs.org.uk

CLEAPSS Newsletter - Practical support for Science, D&T and Art	
Audience: all schools CLEAPSS is the Consortium of Local Educational Authorities for the Provision of Science Services Please view the newsletter here . It's full of interesting information and some great teaching ideas.	Cascade to: Science, D&T and Art colleagues

If you have any queries regarding this weekly mailing please contact marion.sadler@northyorks.gov.uk.

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