

# NEWSLETTER

## Autumn Term 2017

### EPHA Meetings Academic Year 2017/2018

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N-EAST	Wednesday 8 November	Colchester Stadium
SOUTH	Thursday 9 November	Holiday Inn, Basildon
WEST	Wednesday 15 November	Weston Homes, Takeley
MID	Thursday 16 November	Chelmsford City Football Club

Spring term 2018

SOUTH	Wednesday 21 February	Holiday Inn, Basildon
N-EAST	Thursday 22 February	Colchester Stadium
WEST	Wednesday 28 February	Weston Homes, Takeley
MID	Thursday 1 March	Chelmsford City Football Club

Summer term 2018

SOUTH	Wednesday 13 June	Holiday Inn, Basildon
N-EAST	Thursday 14 June	Colchester Stadium
WEST	Wednesday 20 June	Weston Homes, Takeley
MID	Thursday 21 June	Chelmsford City Football Club

Lunch and refreshments will be provided free at the meetings.

Contact your Area Chair with any concerns, questions or issues you would like to discuss with **colleagues**.

### SEND Strategy for Mainstream Schools

Following the meetings held in West and North East to discuss primary schools' experience of SEND support and provision, Clare Kershaw has established a cross-phase Headteacher Round Table to lead on a strategy for mainstream special educational needs. EPHA representatives will be on the group, and are keen to establish a clear remit to ensure that SEND support becomes more consistent and effective across Essex. Further meetings will be held in Mid and South on 21 and 24 November.

The notes from the meetings that have been held so far can be found on the EPHA website at

<https://essexprimaryheads.co.uk/consultations-and-committees/>

### EPHA CONFERENCE NEWS

Thank you to the 225 deputy and assistant headteachers who attended their annual conference, held on 6 October. They enjoyed presentations from Andrew Hall and Sir John Jones, and took part in workshops about "Working with pupils who present challenging behaviour", "ASP data training", "Raising the self-esteem of children and young people" and "Learning through the Lens".

This was our twelfth and, probably, our most successful conference – they have become a welcome annual event for many of our deputies and assistant heads.

Next year's **Deputy Heads' conference** will be held on **Friday 5 October 2018** at the **Weston Homes Community Stadium, Colchester**.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: HEADTEACHERS' CONFERENCE**  
**Friday 23 March 2018** Stock Brook Country Club – *key note speaker, Sir John Jones*. Further details and booking forms will be sent out in January.

### EPHA Annual General Meeting

The EPHA Annual General Meeting took place on 12 October 2017 and the following headteachers were elected as officers for the coming year:

- Harriet Phelps-Knights Chair
- Nick Hutchings Vice-Chair
- Lyn Corderoy Executive Treasurer

*The full Executive membership list, minutes of the AGM and the Constitution and Financial Regulations are available on the EPHA website.*

*Thank you to the 36 headteachers who have agreed to represent their colleagues on the Executive.*

*EPHA continues to offer support to all primary-phase headteachers with termly information briefings, training, regular emails, documents, updates and support by email, by phone and on the EPHA website*

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Harriet Phelps-Knights EPHA Chair,

via Janet Duke Primary

### Termly meeting with Local Authority officers

The EPHA Executive met with Clare Kershaw and LA Officers on 12 October 2017. The agenda included:

- A discussion with the deputy social care director, sharing the experience, needs and expectations of Essex primary schools
- The progress of the SEND strategy in the county
- An update on the proposed restructure of the Education Team in the Local Authority

At the **EPHA AGM and Executive meetings** earlier in the day, headteachers considered:

- EPHA priorities for 2017/18
- Reports from the Executive Director and Professional Officer

Councillor Tony Ball attended the AGM to set out the Essex Cabinet's priorities for education, and to hear views from headteachers about a number of key issues, including recruitment and retention of staff, funding and headteacher well-being.

The minutes of the Executive meetings are available on the EPHA website

<http://essexprimaryheads.co.uk/meetings>