

NST Newsletter: Monday 16th December 2024

This week's newsletter features the following items:

- Headteacher Vacancy at Rufford Primary School
- Climate Ambassadors Scheme – Education Climate Action Plan Webinar
- Transition Portal – Primary School Training Sessions (**1 attachment**)
- Primary Teachers Spatial Reasoning Maths Hub Work Group
- English Hub Newsletter – December 2024 (**1 attachment**)
- Rattle and Roll
- Spring Term Subject Leader Network Meetings
- And finally..... have a wonderful Christmas everyone!



Headteacher Vacancy at Rufford Primary School

As some of you will already know, Alison Tones at Rufford will be retiring at the end of the spring term, so Rufford are seeking a fantastic candidate to be their new Headteacher. If you know of anyone who would be interested in the vacancy, please could you pass on this Eteach link, where all the details can be found:

[Rufford Primary and Nursery School jobs - Eteach](#)

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 15th January 2025. Visits to the schools are available during weeks beginning 16th December 2024 and 6th January 2025.

Climate Ambassadors Scheme – Education Climate Action Plan Webinar

Want to find out more about how you can take action on climate change and inspire the young people in your education setting? Join us virtually as we explore some of the support available to nurseries, schools and colleges through the [Climate Ambassadors Scheme](#), supported by Nottinghamshire County Council, to help you create impactful climate action plans. The [DfE Strategy for Sustainability and Climate Change](#) states that all education settings should have a climate action plan by the end of 2025. Come along to chat with Matilda Crane from the University of Nottingham and her team of East

Midlands climate ambassadors to learn how you can begin or progress your journey in 2025.

Date: Thursday 6th February 2025

Time: 4-5pm GMT

Location: Online <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-the-climate-ambassadors-scheme-for-education-settings-tickets-1101051116529?aff=oddtcreator>

Transition Portal – Primary School Training Sessions

A number of training sessions for the Transition Portal are scheduled in January. These sessions are suitable for all involved in year 6 to year 7 transition and are new to the portal, or want a more comprehensive training session.

Training sessions are 45 minutes long, and scheduled for the following dates:

- Tuesday 14th January 3.45pm
- Thursday 16th January 10am
- Tuesday 21st January 12.15pm
- Wednesday 23rd January 3.45pm

For further details or to book, see the attached document or visit:

<https://schooltransition.co.uk/primary-training/>

Primary Teachers Spatial Reasoning Maths Hub Work Group

Please see the link below for further details about the free CPD opportunity to get involved with the Maths Hub Spatial Reasoning Work group for primary teachers:

[Spatial Reasoning \(Primary Teachers\) - Maths Hub Work Group](#)

English Hub Newsletter – December 2024

Attached is a copy of the latest newsletter from the Flying High English Hub, for your information.

Rattle and Roll

I am reaching out from Rattle and Roll, through Pat, as we have worked with your Trust before and can offer 2 key opportunities to all NST schools. These two options **do no require any input from school**, but **bring in much needed funds to your budget**. All our provision is run as an inclusive 'pop up' set up: with our office staffed 10am-6pm (term time) and 8am-6pm (during holidays) for parents; our own bespoke booking platform; our own DSLs; and Ofsted registrations etc so there really is no impact/extra work for schools - if anything this is reduced!

Wraparound Care (funding available NOW)

We have been awarded large sums of funding for new wraparound care in both Nottingham County and City with the new initiatives focused on all schools having wraparound provision. We offer this for children aged 3-11 to ensure school nursery parents can access the extended day provision (as well as holiday provision outlined below). Our sessions are Ofsted Outstanding and structured with a focussed session each night i.e. sports, drama, dance, yoga etc. As we are a large organisation with many sites across Nottinghamshire we have a large, high quality staff base to cover all provision needs.

There is funding available NOW to set up new wraparound provisions this year that we can apply for – but this funding may not be around for long as it is being reviewed asap by the new Government. If this is something you are interested in please let me know ASAP and we can explore this further.

HAF – Holiday Activity Fund Holiday Clubs

We are Notts County and City's biggest provider of HAF holiday clubs – these are FREE to children who receive benefits related free school meals (and include lunch and snacks), and we offer paid places to those who don't qualify for the funded ones. We provide highly qualified staff, equipment and planning to offer your children structured and engaging holiday provision. These clubs also offer a safe environment for children to attend where our staff are able to have an 'eyes on' impact especially during the longer summer holidays. We manage referrals etc ourselves (and share with schools on return). The funding window for these holiday clubs is opening again in the new year so please let me know ASAP if you would like your school to be a host school. We pay a daily rent for the hire of your school.

To conclude - wraparound care is going to be legislated across all schools soon and needs to cover your nursery children – and now is the time to explore whilst the funding is available. HAF funding looks set to continue under the new Government meaning together wraparound and holiday clubs can offer 'extended hours' for all parents who need it.

Please call me on 07584 124677 or email

hannah.forsyth@rattleandrollperformance.com to arrange to discuss further.

Spring Term Subject Leader Network Meetings

The following Subject Leader Network meetings are now available to book via our booking platform, Universe. Click on the hyperlinks below for further details/to book in:

- Diversity Network – [Thursday 23rd January, 1.00pm to 3.00pm](#)
- RE Network – [Monday 27th January, 3.30pm to 4.30pm](#)
- History Network – [Tuesday 28th January, 1.30pm to 3.30pm](#)
- Music Network – [Thursday 30th January, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- Phonics Network – [Monday 3rd February, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#)
- PSHE Network – [Wednesday 5th February, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#)
- Languages Network – [Thursday 6th February, 3.45pm to 5.15pm](#)
- Curriculum Leads Network – [Friday 7th February, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- Geography Network – [Monday 10th February, 1.15pm to 4.15pm](#)
- Computing Network – [Monday 10th February, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- Early Years Network – [Thursday 13th February, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- PE, School Sport and Physical Activity Network – [Monday 24th February 1.15pm to 3.15pm](#)
- English Network – [Wednesday 26th February, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- Art Network – [Thursday 27th February, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)

- Assessment Leads Network – [Friday 28th February, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- Design and Technology Network – [Tuesday 4th March, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- Inclusion Network – [Thursday 13th March, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- Science Network – [Monday 17th March, 1.00pm to 4.00pm](#)

Jane Gill will be running her spring term **Maths Network** on the following date:

- [Tuesday 4th February, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)

If you have any queries or if you experience any issues when using these booking links, please let [Emily](#) know.



And finally..... have a wonderful Christmas everyone!

We would like to take the opportunity to say a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to you and all your colleagues across our NST schools for everything you do to support children, families and the wider communities in our City – you made a huge difference and we hope you know just how appreciated you are.

Whatever you have planned, we hope you enjoy a fantastic Christmas break, and we will look forward to seeing you again in the New Year!