

SAS CPD Update 23-24 Number 4

Happy New Year! (Is it too late now to say that?)

Email update

I've ditched the failed 'MailerLite' system, due to it's unwelcomed interaction with Schools outlook accounts. I have also disabled the web links in this newsletter to maximise the distribution potential.



Something to get excited about

Our next Conference is on 2nd February

We have secured Emma Turner for our conference this term. She comes highly recommended from Wiltshire School Improvement. Emma has served in primary education for 25 years. She has been a class teacher, assistant headteacher, deputy headteacher and one half of one of the UK's first and youngest all-female co-headships. She has been a consultant for the National Strategies; Trust Research and CPD lead across 15 Leicestershire primary schools, and currently works part time as Deputy Director of Education for a West Midlands trust across 18 primary schools.

We normally arrive around 8:30 a.m. for a tea/coffee and catch-up. You are reminded that we will book you a meal UNLESS YOU CONTACT US to cancel. Meals made but not taken will be charged for!



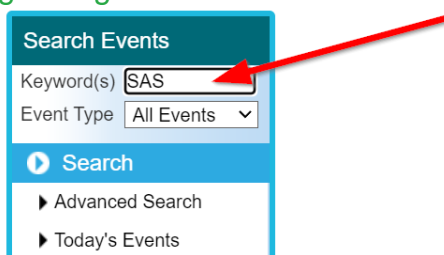
Something to think and talk about

At the conference we also want to explore with you possible ideas for the 'shape' of SAS going forward. Over half our SAS schools are now in 'Improvement HUBS' and/or MATS. Clusters rarely meet altogether. Is the Cluster model still valid? If not, how do we ensure schools not in HUBS or MATS have representation at SAS?

Attendance at CPD events is reduced this year, despite (or because of) an increase in face-to-face training. What should SAS CPD look like in the future? Come with plenty of ideas!

How to book a SAS CPD course:

Navigate to <https://cpd.sgsts.org.uk/>



The image shows a search interface for CPD events. At the top is a dark blue header with the text 'Search Events'. Below this is a search bar with a light blue background. The search bar has two fields: 'Keyword(s)' which contains the text 'SAS', and 'Event Type' which is a dropdown menu currently showing 'All Events'. To the right of the search bar is a red arrow pointing to the 'SAS' text. Below the search bar is a blue button with a magnifying glass icon and the text 'Search'. Underneath the search button are two links: 'Advanced Search' and 'Today's Events', each preceded by a right-pointing arrow.

Log in, and filter the courses for "SAS" (see image)
And search for the courses you require. Simple!

CPD COURSES THIS TERM

Monday 15 January 2024

SAS - Teaching Writing: Cohesion & Coherence

Thursday 18 January 2024

SAS - Teaching Writing: The Difference Between High EXS and GDS in Year 6

Tuesday 30 January 2024

SAS - Maths for TAs: Supporting pupils in Early Years and KS1

Tuesday 30 January 2024

SAS - Maths for TAs: Supporting pupils in KS2

Monday 5 February 2024

SAS - Teaching Writing: Non-Fiction

Wednesday 28 February 2024

SAS - Maths Subject Leaders

Wednesday 21 February 2024

SAS Maths: Planning for long term learning in maths: get the balance right between new learning and rehearsal

Wednesday 13 March 2024

SAS - Effective planning to meet the needs of SEND

As of now, all face-to-face courses have venues booked, so that's all good then!

DATE CHANGE to be aware of - our SAS training session for Maths Subject Leader Meetings (2/3) has been confirmed at The Pavilion in the Park, Cainscross Town Council, 9:15 - 11:45 a.m., but on Wednesday 28th February, NOT 23rd January.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS PLEASE READ IN FULL!

Other changes to SAS

Subject to any changes suggested at the Spring Conference (see above) we anticipate NO INCREASE in the subscription costs for 2024-2025.

In addition we are holding your contribution towards the GAPH membership cost at it's 2022 rate, despite increases in 2023, which we absorbed this year. We will continue to subsidising this for you if our balance allows us.

One change, however, and following brief consultation with 10 heads, is that we are bringing forward the issuing of SAS invoices, based on your existing pupil numbers, to allow you to set your April budgets accurately AND give you more time to process the invoices before the end of the Summer Term (please!)

cpd@sas.gloucs.sch.uk

I have 'retired' my personal account for SAS purposes and you are invited to make this new address a 'safe-sender' and share it widely.

Safeguarding - something to do

The Prevent Duty requirements have changed slightly and the DFE offer free training, either for newcomers to Prevent, or as a Refresher / Update course for those who have completed training before. My course took about 40-50 minutes, slightly longer than the website suggests if you watch all the videos!

There is a certificate at the end which is useful to have. Search for: DFE Prevent training.



Amazing SCIENCE opportunity!

Lynn Loomes, co-head at Woodchester Endowed Primary School writes the following:

"Back in July, I submitted an application for Woodchester to become a Small Schools' Science Hub and won an Enthuse grant of £25,000 from STEM York, a national organisation set up to improve young people's lives through the power of STEM (Science, Technology and Maths). The Enthuse grant programme encourages schools to work in collaboration to improve the outcomes of pupils in

STEM subjects so that they develop an understanding of the opportunities and careers that are available in STEM.

The aim of our hub is to:

- support our children in accessing better science resources;
- encourage all children to make good progress in science;
- provide support and interventions in science, when needed.

Any primary school is able to attend, although the focus for funding is on those that are considered small (a single class or less per intake). In addition, any school is welcome to attend even if they are already working in an Enthuse hub with other schools. Funds are available to put towards CPD attendance, supply cover and purchase new resources that can be shared across the hub.

Future training dates are:

Thursday 25th January – STEM Science Ambassadors and what they can do for you

Tuesday 5th March – Fair Testing and Planning

Thursday 25th April – Assessment and Progression

Early July – Science Fair at Forest Green Rovers for Y4 and Y5 pupils

24/25 possible training sessions:

SEND and Science

Science SL Curriculum and Monitoring

Taking Science outside

For further information please contact Lynne at
LLoomes@woodchester.gloucs.sch.uk



Something else to do

I maintain the SAS website, last edited 10th January 2024. I try to keep it as an up-to-date database for all area schools, member schools, clusters, hubs, academy status and current head teachers, but details often change. If you notice an error, drop me a line. And remember to make this resource known to any new and incoming head teachers too.

Thanks.



Something to know

Special Days or Weeks coming up

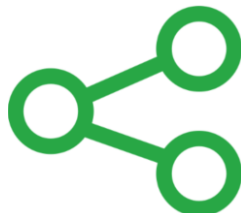
17th - 23rd January - Energy Saving Week

4th Feb - Rosa Parks' birthday

5th - 11th Feb - Children's Mental Health Week
11th Feb - International Day of Women & Girls in Science
14th Feb - St. Valentines Day
15th Feb - International Childhood Cancer Day
10th - 24th February - Chinese New Year
17th Feb - Random Acts of Kindness Day
24th February - Stand up to Bullying
March - Women's History Month
8th - 17th March - British Science Week
11th March - The Big Legal Lesson
17th March - St Patrick's Day
18th March - Global Recycling Day
24th - 25th March - Holi - Festival of spring, love, and new life
29th March - Good Friday
31st March - Easter Sunday
As before, all SAS CPD Email updates are uploaded to our website - so you never have to lose a copy again!

SAS Conferences and Briefings

The Spring Term conference date has been confirmed - it is Friday 2nd Feb. We hope to see you all there at Forest Green Rovers. If you don't cancel, SAS will assume (and order) a meal on your behalf. Non-attenders who do not notify us in advance should expect an invoice for the cost of the meal.



Something to share?

If you have had a bright idea, or a recently discovered resource which works for you and your setting, why not use this newsletter to tell others? Always happy to hear from you!

Course attendance

Please, if it is within your power to do so, let the integra team (ststraining@southglos.gov.uk) and I know if you can't attend a booked course, at the earliest moment possible. One SAS teacher found she was the ONLY attendee on her course, due to cancellations and 'noshows'. In the future we may well have to impose a minimum number and a 'cut-off' date, in order to ensure that SAS expenditure benefits the most staff members possible.



Website Audits

I am willing and available to carry out full school website audits against all DfE requirements (providing a professional commentary and recommendations) for a fraction of 'The Going Rate' for S.A.S. Schools. Previous experience suggests I can complete this in around 10 hours, at a cost of £10 per hour. Please ask for details.

If you've not seen one a SAS CPD update before...

- 1) Check your spam folders etc
- 2) Add cpd@sas.gloucs.sch.uk to your 'safe-senders' list.
- 3) Tell your HT colleagues about what they are missing.

You (OR OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF?) can access recent emails from SAS CPD on our website.

GDPR - Reminder

By buying in to SAS Membership you are giving permission for the SAS Leadership to use your setting's head@ and/or admin@ (email addresses) in our correspondence, with matters relating to your membership, including administration, conferences and briefings, training and networking opportunities, association surveys and general items relating to school leadership. and innovation.

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