

Herefordshire Schools First

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Dear friend

In this SchoolsFirst Bulletin 10:

-- **Hay Festival "Schools Crisis and After" event draws a full house** to hear how Herefordshire schools lose out because of their success

-- **Cllr Philip Price (Golden Valley North)** has been appointed to a new role as **Cabinet member for Schools Improvement** and ICT

-- **Two population trend seminars** this month for those interested in declining school rolls; and a **Playground Partnerships funding link**

-- And **Earthwatch 2008 is *this weekend*** at the Kindle Centre to mark World Environment Day, with many exhibits and family activities. There is a **dedicated Schools Day next Monday**--see below.

COMMENT

Readers of the local papers will have had to search hard in recent weeks to see the news that Philip Price, Councillor for Golden Valley North, has been appointed to a new role by the Council as Cabinet member for Schools Improvement and ICT. Given the continuing pressure on our schools, this may prove in time to be a rather significant appointment.

Meanwhile the Hay Festival event gave a fascinating insight into Whitehall attitudes. The event was filmed and I am trying to get a linkage on the SF website.

If you have any events or news you would like to go in the next SF Bulletin, please let me know.

Jesse

Please circulate this to friends and fellow school supporters. Ask them to sign up on the SchoolsFirst.org.uk website. Send in details of your school events. And if you have any ideas for the site or for the Bulletin, please email them to jesse4hereford@gmail.com.

LOCAL NEWS

Lea School praised by Ofsted – Hereford Times

Ofsted inspectors have given a primary school near Ross-on-Wye the thumbs up after a recent inspection. Lea CofE Primary School was inspected by Hazel Callaghan who said: "It is a good school with many strengths."
http://www.herefordtimes.com/news/features/education/3147189.Praised_by_Ofsted/

Lucton School's Ofsted result – Hereford Times

The headteacher of a north Herefordshire school says she is delighted with the results of a school inspection. Ofsted inspectors described Lucton School's Gill Thorne as providing "strong, clear leadership" and praised governors and teachers at the school, which celebrates its 300th birthday this year.
http://www.herefordtimes.com/news/features/education/3148348.Lucton_School_s_Ofsted_result/

Schools are victims of their own success – Hereford Times

A senior education officer claimed county schools threatened with closure under now withdrawn council plans were victims of their own success. His comments came at a Hay Festival debate called "The Schools Crisis and After".

http://www.herefordtimes.com/news/features/education/3147176.Schools_are_victims_of_their_own_success/

FUNDING NEWS

Playground Partnerships

The deadline for schools to submit their Playground Partnerships applications is **Friday 18 July 2008**. Playground Partnerships is a scheme for Primary and Special schools. You can order a free application pack online on

<http://www.playgroundpartnerships.org/resouce-pack.php> or by calling 0871 472 3016.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

HEREFORD EARTHWATCH 2008

7th-9th June, 10.30 am/11 am/10 am

Come and celebrate World Environment Day at Earthwatch 2008 at the Kindle Centre (next to ASDA) in Hereford. There will be a range of hands-on displays, interactive exhibits, films, talks and fun activities for the whole family, all exploring the subject of climate change. Noted author **Paul "Energy Beyond Oil" Mobbs will give a talk** on energy use and climate change on Saturday at 2.30 pm.

Entry is free, and a flyer is attached.

Monday 9th June is a Schools Day and school groups are invited to attend by appointment. For more details contact

Christianne Wakeham on 01547 560 021 or via christianne@kyreoak.co.uk.

POPULATION TRENDS SEMINAR

Tuesday 17th June and Wednesday 25th June, 2 pm

Population Trends seminars will take place at Herefordshire Council's offices in Plough

Lane. Charlotte Devereux from the Council's Research Team will explain the current population data (including migration statistics), where the figures come from, and future trends. The seminar should last approximately 45 mins. To attend, please contact Clement Attwood (01432 260893 or cattwood@herefordshire.gov.uk).

CLEHONGER VILLAGE SHOW

Friday 27th June, procession from 5.30 pm

The show includes a carnival procession at 5.30 pm, with a samba band and parade through the streets of Clehonger, returning to the School for the show to begin at 6.30 pm.

A variety of stalls, BBQ, Refreshments (including Bar), and the judging of the fancy dress, horticultural, home-baking and craft competitions. See

www.clehongerschool.co.uk for more details, plus a list of competitions and application forms.
