



R.A. Check-in 17 JULY 2017



Dear Colleagues,

You will have missed us as the last check in was April 2017. For many different reasons our team have agreed to send check-ins once each half term. They will still be brilliant and a great source of information – they will just be a little rarer and all the more special for that. Deborah Woodcock is still managing to send her emails check-in most weeks and we will continue to reflect the content of those in our letters to you.

All the back copies are on Office on line and on Learning Leads

Now for the sad news:



Our fantastic colleague Cath Jolleys is leaving at the end of this academic year. She has been appointed as Deputy Head for a new school that is opening in Cheetham Hill. This is a fantastic opportunity for her and we know that a huge corner of Cheetham Hill will be turning restorative and slightly Yorkshire. It has been an honour to work closely with her and she will be sadly missed by our team and you. I know the schools that she has worked for in her RA capacity have really valued her input. We know she will keep in touch with Sarah and we may mention her again in dispatches.

Now for the good news.



Sarah Baggaley is moving to a 50% RA timetable so is still really involved in the project and Janette has brilliantly been able to recruit a replacement for Cath. Our team are being joined by the lovely Jen Eccles. Jen is currently the Reception teacher and Assistant Head at St Christopher's. She will be released for 0.5 a week to work as lead practitioner with Sarah. I am still full time in Headship but keeping my hat in the ring and working with Janette to help support the strategic roll out of RA.

The team will still be offering the 3 day training/ Circles training/ Early Years group and bespoke staff meetings. Dates are on the website. We have a team of practitioners from Education settings who will be supporting Sarah and Jen on the 3 day and circle training. Sarah, Jen and Jenny will support the bespoke training. The Education Training team is separate but involved with the Integrated training team that supports Stockport family.

The Education RA team has a core of trainers that include:

- Holly from Vernon Park
- Claire from Prospect Vale,
- Lindsey from Brookside
- Jenny from Moorfield
- Ruth from Sensory Service
- Izzy from Broadstone Hall
- Debbie and Wendy from Banks Lane Juniors
- Caroline from Werneth
- Emma from Inclusion
- Jen from St Christopher's



(This is not the full list- just waiting for confirmation from a few others)

RA Steering team consists of:

Janette Braithwaite, Sarah Baggaley, Jen Eccles, Jenny Curzon, Bilkis Harani, Cathy Lyall, Max Turton, Jo Dee Corrine Winters

Message from your RA team

We do know our Primary and Junior schools are sending up to High School this year the most amazing children who have been trained as RA ambassadors. These are pupils who practise supporting their peers in their own schools in a restorative way and have accessed training to help them.

This is from Alexandra Park Primary School's website

Restorative Ambassadors - We are children who will listen to your problems and help you restore friendships if you have a falling out. We will also be outstanding role models around school.

We will help you by

- *Listening to you*
- *Helping you to find a solution to a problem*
- *Helping you understand how to be a kind friend.*

We have learned how to use restorative questions to:

- *talk about conflict calmly*
- *listen to each person's point of view*
- *recognise the emotions felt during the conflict*
- *help everyone involved decide on a way to repair any harm caused*

These questions are:

1. *What happened*
2. *What were you thinking when it happened?*
3. *How are you now?*
4. *What do you need to feel better?*
5. *What needs to happen to put things right?*

We will be on the playgrounds during lunchtimes to help anyone who seems lonely, sad or who is having a friendship difficulty.

How will you recognise us?

- *We will be on the KS1 and KS2 playground during lunchtimes.*
- *We will be wearing yellow t-shirts and orange badges so that we are easy to spot! When it is cold, we will wear fluorescent vests.*
- *We will work in pairs and there will be different children on duty each day.*
- *Our photos will be displayed around the school so that you can find us if you want to talk to us.*

What we will do.....*If we notice anyone who looks sad or lonely we will ask if we can help them.*

If anyone has a problem which has made them feel angry or upset, we will go to the restorative area to talk to the people involved and have a restorative chat to resolve the situation.

We would love for our secondary colleagues to be made aware of the current Year 6 pupils who have all the skills they have gathered in this role. We are sure our secondary colleagues will love to know this about their Year 7. **Could we ask all of our Primary Heads who have been promoting the RA role through their pupils, send the names up of trained pupils to their prospective High Schools- including independent schools.** Secondary Heads could you please look out for these lists and think how you and your teams can best harness the most amazing skills these pupils have developed.

Restorative Ambassadors at Werneth



Next year we will share with you all the most moving and informative film that Sarah has made interviewing our Restorative Ambassadors. Watch out for this.



From Deborah Woodcock: A huge thanks to the many of you who contributed to the OFSTED inspection. We are pleased with the provisional outcome and will be able to share more when the report is published on the 25 August.

We received over 100 nominations for the Stockport Family awards. Well done to all who were nominated and congratulations to the winners and those recognised as highly commended:

- **Team of the year** – Brinnington Integrated HV, Early Years and Children’s Centre team. **Highly commended** was the School Nurse team
- **Team leader of the year** – Zoe Ralph (Health Visitor team). **Highly commended** was Leanne Baines (ASPIRE)
- **Health visitor of the year** – Tracey Naden
- **School nurse of the year** – Hayley Masons-Peers
- **Children’s social worker of the year** – Daniel Shuter. **Highly commended** was Sam Bayford.
- **Practice educator (social worker) / practice teacher (health visitor/school nurse) of the year** – Hannah Todman (MOSAIC)
- **Student of the year** – Louise Watson (social worker)
- **Newly qualified social worker of the year** – Lisa Cooney
- **Practitioner demonstrating outstanding child centred practice** – Stacey Thomas (social worker)
- **Restorative practitioner of the year** – Cath Jolleys/Sarah Baggaley (Restorative approaches lead practitioners). Highly commended was Ross Thompson (social worker).
- **Restorative leader of the year** – Hayley Rowen (Children’s centre coordinator)
- **Practitioner demonstrating outstanding partnership working** – Ray Channer (IRO) and Stacey Brewer (social worker)
- **Practitioner demonstrating outstanding work with schools** – Emma Eaton (School age plus worker)
- **Practitioner demonstrating creative and innovative practice** – Sally Roy (MASSH operational lead)
- **Outstanding early years practitioner** – Lynne Hartley (Early years worker)
- **Outstanding school age practitioner** – Sarah Richardson (School age plus worker)
- **Outstanding 16+ practitioner** – David Rankin (Personal advisor)
- **Colleague providing outstanding support to the delivery of Stockport Family priorities** – Jane Christie (Business Support Officer, Safeguarding Children’s Unit)

Huge congratulations to Sarah and Cath on their award--WINNERS

JULY's think piece

Don't become preoccupied with your child's academic ability but instead teach them to sit with those sitting alone.

Teach them to be kind.

Teach them to offer their help.

Teach them to be a friend to the lonely.

Teach them to encourage others.

Teach them to think about other people.

Teach them to share.

Teach them to look for the good.

This is how they'll change the



Cheers from your Education RA team- Have a great Summer Holiday

Cath, Janette, Jenny, Sarah & Jen

