



# R.A. Check-in 12 December 2016



## CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to our 12<sup>th</sup> edition of our monthly Check-in. We now have 12 letters that are full of hints, links and ideas to support the Restorative work you are doing in your setting. We are still working flat out to support you and one of the new tools you will find really helpful is our website; [www.restorativestockport.co.uk](http://www.restorativestockport.co.uk)

You will find

- Courses and training calendar
- Resources
- Ideas
- Contact details and bios
- Showcase offer



**SHOWCASE OFFERS** Please find full details on Learning Leads and on our website- [www.restorativestockport.co.uk](http://www.restorativestockport.co.uk)

These are up-coming opportunities that you **book directly with the schools.**

- **Werneth School Our restorative Journey so far @ Werneth-** Session timings 9-11.30; 24th January (Tuesday) - Summer date if requested is available.
- **Dial Park Whole school tour of Dial Park Primary** - Session timings: 9.15 – 11.15am; 25th January 2017 / 29th March 2017 / 24th May 2017 / 5th July 2017 \*BRING YOUR WELLIES
- **Vernon Park- Whole school Circle Sessions @ Vernon Park-** Session timings: 8.30am-10.00am: Monday 6th February 2017 / Monday 26th June 2017
- **Our restorative Journey so far @ Vernon Park** - Session timings: 11.00am-12.15pm: Monday 6th February 2017 / Monday 26th June 2017
- **Meadowbank Friendship Buddies & L.E.A.F @ Meadowbank** - Session timings: 1.30-3.30: Thursday 23rd March 2017 / Thursday 29th June 2017
- **Bridge Hall Mentoring Circles @ Bridge Hall** - Session timings: 8.30am-10.30am; Monday 23rd January /Monday 6th March / Monday 24th April / Monday 26th June
- **Restorative behaviour for learning @ Bridge Hall** - Session timings: 12.30pm-2.00pm: / Thursday 26th January / Thursday 9th March / Thursday 27th April / Thursday 29h June
- **Brookside To observe and participate in a restorative circle time in Key Stage 1 or 2 class** - Session timings: Wednesday at 9am- 10am; 1st February 2017 / 8th March 2017 / 21st June 2017
- **Hazel Grove Primary- Transition Circles** Session Times: 10-11 am Wednesday: 21st June 2017 / 28th June 2017/ 5th July 2017 / 12th July 2017

**Look out for the date offers from Alexandra Park, Abingdon, Banks Lane Juniors, Moorfield Pre-school, Moorfield Primary, St Christopher's that are coming through**

**Do you enjoy the Check-ins?** They are stored on both Office on Line and Learning Leads. This is our 12<sup>th</sup> letter! This is the route on Office on-line

- [Front page > Forms data & Guidance> Council Briefings, Newsletters & Bulletins > Services to People > Stockport Family Newsletters > JACKPOT- all Check-ins since December 2015](#)

December's think pieces/ quotes are all about Christmas:



A group from Stockport Family visited Leeds (a restorative city) in November. Part of the visit included work with Carr Manor. You might recall that this was a school that 2 groups from Stockport visited in March. Andrew at Werneth was so inspired by his visit that he has completely reframed his school's visions and values and way of working to reflect restorative approaches embedded at the heart of all they do. We are planning to re-visit Carr Manor in the new year. Phil is especially keen that this is opened up to influential colleagues, particularly Heads of secondary schools. Do have a look at their web page [www.carrmanor.org.uk](http://www.carrmanor.org.uk). If you are interested in being included in this future visit can you let Jenny know on [jenny.curzon@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:jenny.curzon@stockport.gov.uk)

I have included Deborah Woodcock's weekly check-in from November 28<sup>th</sup> where she reflects on the visit to Leeds and the learning from it. We think you will be inspired by it.

*I want share with you some feedback from four Stockport Family colleagues who attended a three day restorative conference in Leeds, "Re-Imagining the Child Welfare System for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", as representatives of Stockport Family and as part of the restorative champions programme.*

*'This was a fantastic event that really celebrated the children of Leeds who delivered a wide range of entertainment throughout the conference such as singing, dancing and reading poetry as well as being involved in workshops as 'lived experiences' of Family Group Conferencing or how Restorative Practice was helping their school in Carr Manor.*

*It was an international event with keynote speakers from New Zealand, America and Canada and the UK. There were some strong messages that came out of the event:*

- *A child is a reflection of our ancestors – we can't just focus around the child but are obliged to look in to the social structure of that family*
- *If we ignore the **relationship** around **families**, then we can't do our job of **supporting** children*
- ***Restorative practice** puts children at the heart of decision making by repairing harm and maintaining relationships*

- *The impact of **Place** in terms of children growing up - really ensuring that we put children at the heart of debates around regeneration, looking at connections and institutions networking to support better outcomes for children. Working towards a Child Friendly North*
- *“Unless everyone in a family is safe, no one is safe.” Need to create spaces for everything that a family is concerned about to be talked about*
- *Families finding their **own solutions** through Family Group Conferencing which is resulting in a significant reduction of the number of children in care or the time spent in care in Leeds*
- *The importance of learning from each other and the families that we are working with, really listening to their needs and sharing learning across our connections and communities*

For those who use Twitter, coverage of the event is on #RPLEeds16. A huge amount of tweets were sent and at one point we ‘trended’ as so many people were sharing learning. Sam Bayford joined Twitter at the event sending 60 tweets during it! If you want to know more please speak to [jennie.neill@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:jennie.neill@stockport.gov.uk), [kate.horridge@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:kate.horridge@stockport.gov.uk), [ross.thompson@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:ross.thompson@stockport.gov.uk), or [sam.bayford@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:sam.bayford@stockport.gov.uk) ‘

### RA:-What’s going on in December!

This month Sarah will be/has been busy working '**with**'. November/December has seen:

- One day training for Werneth High school & Stockport therapy teams including SALT & OT
- 3 day RA training course
- Whole class circles sessions with Yr 3 @ Moss Hey
- Training restorative champions at Bradshaw Hall, Bridge Hall, Moss Hey, Hazel Grove Primary & Ladybridge,
- Midday & TA training sessions at Bridge Hall & Hazel Grove Primary
- Governor training at Bridge Hall
- Staff meetings at High Lane, Moss Hey, Norris Bank, Mersey Vale, Vernon Park & Westmorland
- Filming our RA champions
- Collating data around the impact of RA at Werneth High School & Bridge Hall

January plans include:

- RA champion training at St Bernadette's, Vernon Park, St Philips & Abingdon
- Staff meetings at Vernon Park, St Joseph's Reddish, St Christophers, Bradshaw Hall, Prospect Vale & Abingdon
- TA/Midday training at Hazel Grove Primary, Rose Hill & Meadowbank
- Parents session at Meadowbank
- One day training for Stockport Family
- February 3 day course

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This month Cath has been...

- Gallivanting to London for an SEN and RA conference with Marg Thorsborne (Restorative guru!)
- Our last 3 day of 2016
- Training the Midday team and all year 5 at Pownall Green to be Restorative Playground buddies
- Staff meetings and training at Outwood, Lisburne and Vale View
- Autumn term RA network exploring how to engage families in the RA process and inform them about what RA is
- Updating and developing our RA website: [www.restorativestockport.co.uk](http://www.restorativestockport.co.uk)
- Planning our Spring term RA training both for education colleagues and for Stockport Family colleagues
- Measuring impact of RA at Dial Park from both children and staff
- Finally, I've been going WAY out of my comfort zone to train the EYFS lovelies at St Mark's to be Restorative Stars :0 Cath Jolleys [cath.jolleys@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:cath.jolleys@stockport.gov.uk) Restorative Approaches lead practitioner BSS 0161 437 4956 option 2 mob:07866 999869



Jenny is back in school slowly disappearing under paper but still keeping her RA hand in through training, visits, conversations and writing stuff.

***Happy Christmas from your Education RA team and we wish you all the best for 2017. We do hope your break is restful and restorative!***

***Best wishes***

**Cath, Janette, Jenny & Sarah**

