



R.A. Check-in 5- April 2016



Dear Colleagues,

Blink and you will miss April in schools but we are now in the rhythm for our Check-ins and don't want April to feel left out- it will just be shorter than usual!

April's thought for the month courtesy of Janette.....



Stockport Family Update The team around the school programme has taken a further step forward with the establishment of the **Team around the School Steering Group**. The social worker links with schools are developing and the recruitment to the Stockport Family workers (school age +) is continuing.

The development of the **Teams around the School** programme is moving on at a pace. Social worker links have been established and initial visit are being set up. Deborah Woodcock has had some feedback on these first visits and the majority of this is positive...please see an example from a Primary Head teacher...

'I met with our link SW, yesterday afternoon and I feel very positive and confident about the new way of working. I really believe it's going to be a much better way of working with families and will lead to improved outcomes for children.'

The programme which will be further enhanced by the introduction of the **Stockport Family Worker (school aged +)** linked to schools along with other key colleagues, including **School Nurses** who are already linked/based within our schools.

Just to let you know there is also some really interesting work going on in Stockport funded through a project called **Digital by Design**. There is a multi-agency group supporting this project led by Kate Fitzhugh. Jenny Curzon and Cathy Lyall are your reps on this project group. Both Deborah Woodcock and Kate Fitzhugh will be at **Primary Heads' Consortium on 26th April** to talk about Stockport Family and the Digital by Design project which is a whole systems change for Stockport Council



RA:-What's going on in April!

- **Showcase offers;** Banks Lane Juniors, Bramhall High, Broadstone Hall, Brookside, Meadowbank- book though Learning Leads
- **3 day RA training-** no places left for this academic year but places available for October 2016- 12th, 13th, 14th October- book by ringing Shanon Langdale 0161 437 4956 Opt.2 / shannon.langdale@stockport.gov.uk



- **Restorative Champions Day**- Education and Social Care- invitees only
- **Bespoke work through INSET and Staff Meetings**- offered at Larkhill Primary, St John's, Sensory Support Service, Vernon Park, Hazel Grove Primary School, Moss Hey, St Paul's Ladybridge, Marple College
- **Early Years group** next meeting at Moorfield 2pm Wednesday 20th April- working on developing an Restorative Approaches toolkit for our Early Year's Settings- launched 2017-

Values & Behaviours of Stockport Family's Restorative Workforce- This month is- Effective communication

<p>Effective communication</p> <p>Communicate and listen to all partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We treat families as partners • We use restorative language • We provide opportunities for families to freely express emotion within a safe environment • We give time and don't rush • We use circle processes to give everyone a voice and influence • We include the children and family's voices and views in our recording and include them in the decision making process
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April's Think Pieces.....on Effective Communication

- *Wise men speak because they have something to say; Fools because they have to say something!*
Plato
- *The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.* George Bernard Shaw
- *Communication is a skill that you can learn. It's like riding a bicycle or typing. If you're willing to work at it, you can rapidly improve the quality of every part of your life.* Brian Tracy
- *A man's character may be learned from the adjectives which he habitually uses in conversation.* Mark Twain

Data Slot for spring 16

School/Setting	Who trained	Total
INSET and /or Staff meetings	Full Staff teams in Infants/ Juniors/ Primary/ Secondary and Colleges	450
Training of pupils/ young people as Restorative ambassadors/ leads/ambassadors	Students form Primary/ Secondary Settings	228
RA champions training- workforce leads from Social care and Education	RA/ITS	40

The information above is just a small sample of what's going on day in day out.....please let me know what you'd like to see as well as sharing your great practice with us.

Cheers from your Education RA team

Cath, Janette, Jenny & Sarah