

IN THE KNOW!

NEWS & UPDATES FOR SENCOS

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Hello, and welcome to the Spring/Summer edition of our 'In The Know!' newsletter. We hope you find the following information useful for your SENCO role in school.

We hope you've all enjoyed the glorious weather over the Easter holidays, and are refreshed ready for the busy summer term. So let's get started before you get too tied up with SATS; and let's hope the weather is good to us this year for all your school trips and sport days.

Best Wishes. Eleanor

Summer AM Course Announcement! "INTERVENING WITH IMPACT"

Check out our website at www.eleanorhick.co.uk/courses for further information on our courses and to download further booking forms as required.

As you know, each term we offer a **morning training course** to coincide with our afternoon SENCO Forums. We cover a different topic each term, on subjects that compliment the role of the SENCO as well as other members of the School Leadership Team and support staff.

Our training for the summer term is called: **"Intervening with Impact": Are you getting the best value for the money spent on interventions and support?**

Who is this course for?

This course is aimed at Head teachers, SENCOs and School Leaders with responsibility for raising standards through interventions, narrowing the gap and the impact of pupil premium spending.

DATES

VENUES

Tuesday 16 June 2015	Dunkenhalgh Hotel, Clayton le Moors
Wednesday 17 June 2015	Garstang Golf Club, Garstang
Tuesday 23 June 2015	Lakeside Hotel, Newby Bridge
Wednesday 24 June 2015	Greenhill Hotel, Wigton
Running time: 10:00 -12:30	

Course Outline

- What is current research telling us about how to intervene effectively for impact?
- What is the impact of the interventions you currently use? Comparing interventions and finding the best. (You'll need to bring a FULLY CHARGED LAPTOP for this part of the course).
- What are the next steps to achieve improvement in your school?

It's just **£80 per place** and we also provide a light lunch (of sandwiches and chips) for those who are also attending the afternoon SENCO Forum. So why not make a day of it! Reserve your place, using the attached flier.

SUMMER SENCOS FORUMS

Our **summer term SENCO Forums** are being held across Lancashire and Cumbria during June.

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Running time: 1.30 – 4.00 pm	

The agenda will include;

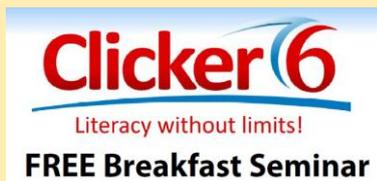
- Updates on national developments
- Support for parents and for you.
- Delving into data
- Plus lots more information to share, I'm still gathering it all together!

A place at our Summer Forum costs £80.00. We already have a lot of places taken, so if you've not already reserved your place, so please don't delay. There's a booking form attached, so fill it in and return it today!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!



NASEN Live at the Macron Stadium, Bolton (BWFC) at Junction 6 on the M61 on **20th & 21st May 2015**



- Tuesday 28th April - Astley Bank Hotel, Darwen,
 - Thursday 7th May - Holland Hall Hotel, Upholland, Skelmersdale,
- 8:15 – 10am

To book a place, complete the online registration form on their website at www.cricksoft.com/seminars.

Alternatively call 01604 671691 or email seminars@cricksoft.com with your details.



26th & 27 June 2015 at Event City, Manchester

In association with The National Autistic Society, sponsored by Hesley Group and Witherslack Group.

For further information visit the website at www.autismshow.co.uk. You can book advance tickets on-line, saving 20%.

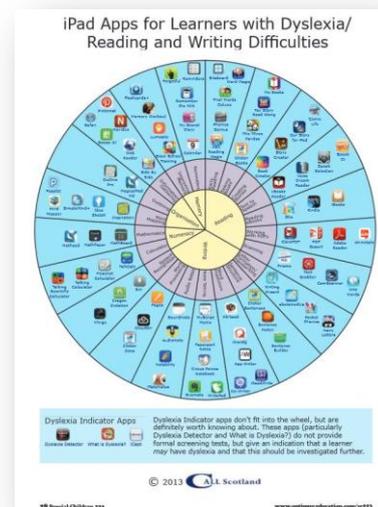
A HIDDEN GEM!

Dyslexia APPS

Feedback from the recent SENCO Forums, showed a common need for advice to support dyslexic children.

I've come across this fabulous, chart showing a huge range of iPad Apps for learners with dyslexia and other reading and writing difficulties. It's available as a pull out and keep section in the **Special Children Magazine** Issue 223 published by Optimus Education.

This edition can be downloaded for free at <http://www.optimus-education.com/special-children-magazine-issue-223>



Dyslexia Handbook 2015

Another essential resource is the 2015 updated version of the **Dyslexia Handbook**.

Published annually by the British Dyslexia Association, it's available for only £10 and can be ordered from www.bdastore.org.uk/



MAKING YOUR LIFE EASIER

Load2Learn

This is a free online resource available to teachers to support pupils who have difficulty reading standard print. The website service is brought to us by the RNIB and Dyslexia Action and can be found at <https://load2learn.org.uk/>. You can download key curriculum materials in a range of formats and adapt them to suit the pupil's personal reading needs.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES –

- Here are the 2015-16 dates for our SENCO Forums and morning courses.

Venues	Autumn 2015	Spring 2016	Summer 2016
Dunkenhalgh	3 rd November	1 st March	14 th June
Garstang	4 th November	2 nd March	15 th June
Lakeside	10 th November	8 th March	21 st June
Greenhill	11 th November	9 th March	22 nd June

Please put these in your diaries now!

Fliers will be sent out in due course. I've released these dates early as I know how difficult it is to plan your busy school schedules especially as so many SENCOs have multiple roles in school. Let's hope these dates don't clash with other training in your areas; but that, of course, is out of my control! However, I can confirm that here at Inclusive Learning (Lancs) Ltd, we will never knowingly arrange our courses to clash with other providers.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

SEND: Services For Families



The new **SENDirect** website is now live. Visit <https://sendirect.org.uk/>

This website has been established by the **SEND Consortium**: this is a group of charities who have come together to help families to find vital services, support and information for their children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Whether it's finding the right childcare, afterschool club, a personal assistant, holiday, etc, and advice regarding financial support and entitlements. There are already over 1700 services already registered. It's really easy to navigate around the website, so it's definitely recommended to as a tool to source a whole host of options within your locality to support particular special needs, interests, lifestyle and budget.

WWW.ELEANORHICK.CO.UK

Your go-to place for SENCO resources!

Don't forget to visit our website at www.eleanorhick.co.uk and favourite/bookmark it in your browsers too. We keep it updated regularly and we now have our 'Useful Resources' page, giving you links to documents and other SEN websites that we know will help you with your SENCO role. Past copies of our newsletters are also available to download, along with fliers for our courses too.

BOOKSTART

Bookstart is a charity that gives free book packs for children aged 0-5. But did you know that they also produce a series of free book packs to support children with special needs?



* **Bookstart Star**: is aimed at children 3-5 years who have a disability that is impacting on or delaying their fine motor skills.

* **Bookshine**: is aimed at deaf children, and includes a touch-and-feel book and a bookmark featuring British Sign Language

* **Booktouch**: is aimed at visually impaired children, and includes a touch-and-feel book and a Bookstart Rhymetime CD to encourage sing-along time.

Packs are available from health advisers, local health clinics, libraries and early years settings.

For more information visit <http://www.bookstart.org.uk/bookstart-packs/>



FEEDBACK

Spring Course Evaluations

We received loads of fantastic feedback regarding our spring training course 'All About a Child' and the SENCO Forums.

Thanks to everyone you completed our on-line surveys. Here is a small selection.

Prize Draw Winners

Thanks to everyone who completed our Spring Term course evaluations.

The winners, who have each won a **Free Place** on our summer morning training course, are:

- **Sarah Yates** (Saint Aidens Primary)
- **Louise Hatch** (Greenlands Community Primary)
- **Angela White** (Seaton Junior School)
- **Sarah Hall** (Holy Family Primary)



Very useful. We will be implementing something's into our SEAL program.

I particularly liked the 1PPs and am starting to put these in place. The role play run through of a meeting with parents was interesting and how to use solution focussed thinking. I will definitely be changing the way I hold annual reviews from now on

Very useful indeed. It is good to get to know other SENCOs and find out what works in their schools.

Outstanding in every way. Extremely useful. Full of ideas to use Extremely well delivered by very knowledgeable deliverers.

It was good to hear from a variety of people about what is on offer out there. I like the mix of training (dyscalculia) updates, support available etc. I find the meetings very useful thank you.

I find the forum really useful in terms of giving me lots of practical help and resources to really help me do the job. I like the fact that you fit so much in. It's refreshing to go to your courses because they are very well organised, practical and relevant. Thank you!

COURSES FROM JULIA DYER: Children's Physiotherapy Practice.



We recommend you check out www.juliadyer.com and sign up for her very informative [newsletter](#). She has a selection of sensory courses coming up in East Lancashire this term which you may be interested in.

- **Tues 28 April – Introduction to Sensory Integration and Sensory Disorder (Sensory Course 1)**
- **Tues 19 May – Sensory Processing and Autism**

We've Invited Julia to our SENCO forums and have currently secured her to speak at the Dunkenhalgh during our SENCO forum in June. Hopefully she'll be available to visit other forums in the future.

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