

IN THE KNOW!

NEWS & UPDATES FOR SENCOS

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Hello. I hope you've all had a lovely half term break. The summer is here, the SATS are over for another year, and now it's all about sports days and school trips; before sending your Years 6's off to big school.

Here's the summer edition our 'In The Know!' newsletter. No 4 already. With news of our Autumn training and as usual lots more very useful information and links to support your SENCO role in school.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our summer SENCO forums and training in June. There's still time to book if you'd like to join us.

Best Wishes. Eleanor

SUMMER TRAINING:

Morning: "INTERVENING WITH IMPACT"

Afternoon: "SENCO FORUMS"

We still have a few places available on our morning training course this month. We advertised this course in our last newsletter (#3) and have sent fliers into schools. If you've missed these or are still thinking about it, now is the time to book. **Just £80 per place.** Lunch is on us, if you attend the afternoon SENCO forum.

MORNING COURSE DETAILS:

"Intervening with Impact": Are you getting the best value for the money spent on interventions and support?

This course is for: Head teachers, SENCOS and whoever has the responsibility for raising standards through interventions, narrowing the gap and the impact of pupil premium spending.

We'll look at:

- What the latest research is telling us about how to intervene effectively for impact?
- 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).
- Identifying the next steps to achieve improvement in your school?

<u>DATES</u>	<u>VENUES</u>
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 for "Intervening with Impact" 13:30 – 16:00 for the "SENCO Forums"

SENCO FORUMS:

We have a limited number of places available on our SENCO forums, but I'm sure we can fit in any additional people, if you've still not reserved your place, but hurry! These meetings are becoming more and more popular with new people joining every term. For **£80 per place**, you get all the updates on National developments, with advice and information on new tools and services to support your role, as well as networking with other SENCOS. You also get access to our special resources page on our website to download documentation discussed during the forums.

Check out our website at
www.eleanorhick.co.uk
for further information on our
courses and to download the
booking forms as required.
Or email us at
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NEXT YEAR'S TRAINING 2015/16

Here are the dates for our SENCO Forums and morning courses for the next school year.

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
AM Training: 10:00 – 12:30		PM: Senco Forums	13:00 – 16:00

Fliers for the SENCO forums for 2015/16 and the autumn morning training course are available to download from our website at www.eleanorhick.co.uk.

It's just £80 per place for individual forums, or £210 if you book all 3 together, saving you £10 per forum.

AUTUMN MORNING TRAINING: "Developing Social Skills for Pupils with Autism Spectrum Conditions"

We had a lot of requests for advice about supporting pupils with Autism at our spring meetings, so it is with great pleasure that we have **Lynn McCann** from **Reachout ASC** with us in the November to present our morning training course. Lynn, and the ReachoutASC team, provide specialist training and consultancies to schools and services to support children with Autism Spectrum Conditions and Asperger's Syndrome.

Here are the details of the course she is presenting for us in November:

Pupils with Autism Spectrum Conditions can find social situations difficult to understand and manage, throughout their lives. They want to be involved, included and accepted but may not know how to go about building friendships and joining in peer groups.

Who is this course for?

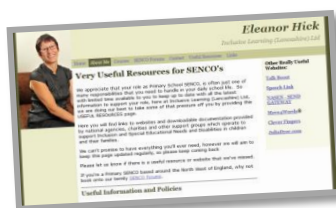
This course is suitable for SENCO's, teachers & TA's
There will be a talk, practical activities, group discussion and opportunities to look at resources.

This course will look at:

- The nature of ASC and how social understanding is affected by communication, sensory and thinking differences.
- How to help the pupil be a 'Social Detective' and make good guesses about what is going on in social situations.
- The importance of a good peer group, and how to set up a social skills group and buddy system.
- How to assess, set targets, include the pupil voice and record progress in social skills.
- A variety of ways to support other pupils in accepting and understanding people with ASC.

The cost is £80 for the 1st place and £50 for each additional place, with a free lunch if you are also attending the afternoon SENCO forum.

What's NEW on our Website?



www.eleanorhick.co.uk
Specialist Training.

Feedback from our recent SENCO forums, highlighted the need for extra training to support pupils with Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Autism.

There is a lot of support and training available from national charities, trusts and other training providers that provide this specialist training. So I've gathered together a very useful list that is now available on my website under Specialist Training (www.eleanorhick.co.uk/specialisttraining)

There you will find links to websites and downloadable documentation that is provided by The Department for Education, The British Dyslexia Association, The Autism Education Trust, and other training providers. We'll do our best to keep the page up to date, however we advise that you bookmark/favourite these sites yourselves.

Please let us know if you know of anyone else out there that you really rate for specialist advice and support.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!



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%.

SCHOOL READINESS

NAHT in partnership with Family Action



The NAHT partnered with Family Action again this year on the theme of School Readiness. There are several leaflets available for parents to download to help them prepare their children for school, along with school assembly packs.

If you've not already discovered these, download them now before they disappear.

<http://www.naht.org.uk/welcome/about-naht/naht-charity-partner-2013-2014/>

Don't forget to visit our website for lots more useful SEN resources and links to other providers and services.

www.eleanorhick.co.uk/useful_resources

Teach Your Monster To Read



This is a series of games which help children to learn the first stages of reading. Provided by the Usborne Foundation. It's an online resource and it's completely FREE to play on PC's. There's an iPad app too which is £3.99 to download from the AppStore.

Find out more at www.teachyourmonstertoread.com and try out the demos.

Palliative Care Guidance

www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk



Together for Short Lives is the leading UK charity for all children with life-threatening and life-limiting conditions and all those who support, love and care for them. They support families, professionals and services, including children's hospices.

There is a lot of very useful information on the website and several free resources to download. This one in particular is well worth downloading.

Helping Children who need Palliative care to Access Education

Go to www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk and enter the above title in the search box or [click here](#) if you're viewing this newsletter online.

Parental Engagement Network



The Parental Engagement Network is a not-for-profit social enterprise supporting schools and settings in their parental and

community engagement.

Although this is a Manchester based charity, the courses may be of interest.

Go to: <http://penetwork.co.uk/training-and-support>

The Benefits of Audiobooks

www.listening-books.org.uk



Listening Books

is a UK charity that provides a postal and internet based

audiobook service for some 38,000 people that would struggle to read printed books due to a learning difficulty, illness, disability or mental health difficulty.

Audiobooks can prove quite expensive to buy, but low cost subscriptions to the Listening Books library mean that members can have MP3 CDs delivered straight to their front door or can choose to listen to titles online via internet streaming or downloading.

Organisational memberships start from £50 a year and individuals can join for as little as £20 a year.

Also [Click here](#) to download a full information sheet regarding the Benefits of Audiobooks for SEN Pupils from Listening Books. We have added this to the resources page on our website (www.eleanorhick.co.uk/useful_resources).

Further information can be found on the [Listening Books website](#).



The InDependent Diabetes Trust iddt.org

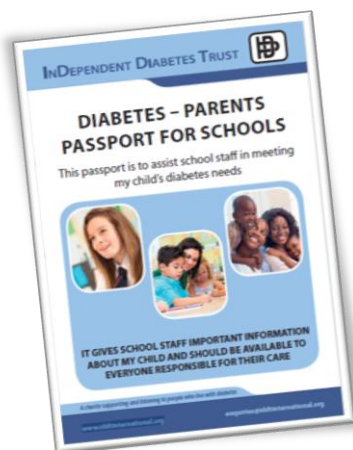
The **Parents Passport for Schools** is available from the IDDT, and has been produced to assist school staff in meeting the needs of pupils with diabetes.

The passport has been designed to enable parents to inform schools about how to manage their child's diabetes and in turn support schools to comply with SEN regulations. It also provides teachers with vital information about the condition.

The passport is FREE and can be downloaded directly from the IDDT website (you can also access it here: [IDDT Passport for Schools](#))

The passport contains a wide range of information on how a child's diabetes is managed, including:

- Dealing with high and low blood sugar levels.
- Food and mealtimes.
- Insulin administration and blood testing.



Independent Parental Special Education Advice



www.ipsea.org.uk

IPSEA is an independent charity, which helps parents to find the right education for their child with special educational needs and disabilities. There's lots of information available on the website and you can sign up to their mailing list to keep up to date with relevant information and developments.

We hope you have found this newsletter useful. Your comments are welcome and could help us to develop this newsletter further.

Please let us know if you have any recommendations for resources and services that we have not yet covered. Thanks Eleanor

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