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Target audience: All Private, Voluntary and Independent Settings in North Somerset.

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the latest edition of the Early Years Newsletter. Summer is here and the sun is shining making us all feel like getting out and enjoying the fresh air.

In this issue we have general information, training information and a new section 'Job vacancies'. Could you please ensure that this newsletter is circulated widely within your setting? We welcome any comments that you may have good or bad about the newsletter, please e-mail fis@n-somerset.gov.uk with comments or suggestions.

If you would like to submit an article about areas of good practice in your setting or any issues or problems that you have had to overcome we would really like to hear from you, again please contact Family Information Service on 01934 42 6300 or e-mail fis@n-somerset.gov.uk

From 20th June the Early Years team will be on the move to North Somerset Castlewood offices in Clevedon. All contact telephone numbers for the Early Years and Family Information Service will remain the same, but if you need to write to us for any reason please continue to use the Town Hall address:

North Somerset Council
Early Years Team
Town Hall
Walliscote Grove Road
Weston-super-Mare
BS23 1UJ

The new Town Hall will close its doors to the public on Monday 13 June to make way for the building refurbishment which starts at the end of the month. All public-facing reception services will be available from 13 June just around the corner in Somerset House, Oxford Street.

With best wishes

Andrea Sully

Senior Adviser: Early Years and Transforming Learning

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Child nutrition guidelines



A multi-agency partnership between NHS North Somerset, North Somerset Council and Weston Area Health Trust has launched a guide to mother and child nutrition in a bid to reduce the numbers of overweight children considered obese when they start school.

It is hoped that these guidelines will provide consistent advice and information to help reduce obesity in both children and pregnant women.

They aim to provide the guidance and information mothers and carers for young children need to ensure that they receive the best possible start in life.

One of the key underlying messages within the guidelines is that by creating a positive relationship with food in their early years, children are much more likely to develop and maintain healthy eating patterns.

The guidelines have been split into easy sections to download (although some of them may still take a few minutes to download depending on your computer!):

- [Cover](#)
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EYFS Profile Data Notification Reminder

The **final date** to return EYFS Profile Data to the Local Authority is **Friday 1 July 2011**.

NHS North Somerset – childhood immunisation campaign

NHS North Somerset has announced in a recent press release that too few children in North Somerset are receiving the immunisations they need to protect them from serious illnesses. The PCT is launching a high profile awareness campaign in June to alert mothers to the dangers of not having their children vaccinated, especially in light of the recent increase in numbers of cases of measles.



NHS North Somerset would like your help to promote this campaign to parents.

When to immunise	Diseases protected against	Vaccine given
Two months old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio and <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) Pneumococcal infection	DTaP/IPV/Hib and Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV)
Three months old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio and <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) Meningitis C (meningococcal group C)	DTaP/IPV/Hib and MenC
Four months old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio and <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) Meningitis C Pneumococcal infection	DTaP/IPV/Hib, MenC and PCV
Between 12 and 13 months	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) and meningitis C Measles, mumps and rubella (German measles) Pneumococcal infection	Hib/MenC MMR and PCV
Three years and four months or soon after	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio Measles, mumps and rubella	DTaP/IPV or dTaP/IPV and MMR
Girls aged 12 to 13 years	Cervical cancer caused by human papillomavirus types 16 and 18	HPV
13 to 18 years old	Tetanus, diphtheria and polio	Td/IPV

Boomfest



**Friday 19th –
Sunday 21st August**

**Clarence Park,
Weston-super-Mare**

Boomfest is an exciting new 3 day festival for children, young people and families showcasing the very best of North Somerset's young talent. Boomfest offers an amazing opportunity for the children and young people to share the stages with a range of experienced, dynamic and inspirational professional artists and companies from the South West and beyond.

The FREE festival will offer a variety of professional cultural and creative arts performances and workshops for all ages through dance including parkour, street dance and free running, live music, theatre, film, comedy, performance poetry, graffiti, BMX-ing, skateboarding and art exhibitions.

Festival headline acts include;

- the internationally acclaimed Weapons of Sound who have played the Glastonbury and Reading Festivals, The Champions League Final in Paris (May 2006), and the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games in Manchester (2002).

- the amazing Invisible Circus who produce unique circus theatre experiences, and have performed at festivals all over the world.

The festival has been created by boomsatsuma, a series of Youth Arts Co-ops in North Somerset run entirely by young people.

Boomfest is inviting anyone aged 5 – 21yrs who live in North Somerset to perform or exhibit their work at Boomfest.

Applications from art projects, groups and organisations who work or support children and young people such as the Scouts, Guides, local community youth groups, drama and dance groups are also encouraged to apply.

Festival organisers are also interested to receive applications from:

- professional companies who create work of exceptional quality for young audiences

- young people who live outside of North Somerset who believe they can offer work of an exceptionally high standard and thus can act as an inspiration to other young people

The Boomfest production team includes at its very core a team of 6 young people, members of boomsatsuma, who will programme successful applicants into the 3 day festival.

For more information please visit www.boomsatsuma.com

The deadline for applications to be received by Boomfest is 5pm by Friday 10th June 2011.

The festival site will include a Main Stage, Circus Big Top, Dance Tent and marquees throughout the park offering performances, workshops and activities for children, young people and families.

Wrong Trousers Day



Friday 24th June 2011 - Join thousands of people around the UK in one of our most popular charity events of the year. Help sick children by wearing your most inappropriate legwear and donating £1 for the right to look wrong.

Fathers' Story Week 14-20 June



Early years settings across the UK are being encouraged to take part in the first ever 'Fathers' Story Week', launched by the Fatherhood Institute as part of a major campaign to encourage dads and father figures to play a greater role in their children's learning and development.

The week, which will run from 14 June up to Fathers Day on 20 June, is designed to involve early years and primary age children and their fathers - with a range of activities from counting and cooking with dad to finding out about their dad's background and upbringing.

The new Fathers' Story Week website provides further information and free materials:- <http://www.fathersstoryweek.co.uk/>

Early Years Workforce Qualifications Audit Tool

The Children's Workforce Development Council have a new online audit tool for early years registered settings and childminders.

(<http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/early-years/audit-tool>)

The free, easy to use Early Years Workforce Qualifications Audit Tool allows you to create an online record of qualifications, training and skills. It also helps to identify and manage further training and development opportunities through a live link to the Early Years Qualifications Tool.

Move and Explore – Active Play Resource

Move and Explore is a FREE downloadable resource to help you find lots of new, easy and exciting activities for children to do – without costing loads of money!

The cards in the resource pack provide simple activities you can do with the children you look after using the minimum of resources. The activities are designed to be adapted to suit the children's needs and help increase their daily levels of physical activity in a fun way. The activities cover four areas:-

- In the garden
- In the home
- In the park
- On the move



All the resources you will need are on the front of each card along with simple ideas on how to adapt the activities if needed.

You can download Move and Explore from www.moveandexplore.com

Important - Children's Scrapstore Bristol needs your vote....Please let them have your response if you haven't already done so.

Children's Scrapstore Bristol are thinking of opening a branch in North Somerset. To do this we need to know who is likely to use it and how many of you there might be. The scrapstore would have a shop as well, just like the Bristol store and hopefully bring much needed resources for you to use.

If you think you might use a small local scrapstore (probably based near Weston Super-Mare), please e-mail:

coordinator@childrensscrapstore.co.uk with your details. When we receive a copy of your e-mail we will count it as an interested vote.

To find out more about Children's Scrapstore Bristol please see our website: <http://www.childrensscrapstore.co.uk>

Jeff Hill
CEO, Children's Scrapstore, Bristol.



'Fun with Words' events



As part of the National Year of Communication and the newly launched Hello campaign (which aims to increase understanding of how important it is for children to develop good communication skills), Weston Area Health Trust's Speech & Language Team has organised two 'Fun with Words' events which will take place in Weston-s-Mare and Clevedon.

The events are free and are for the whole family with fun activities to develop your child's vocabulary. It's for children aged two to 11 and their parents, carers, grandparents, teachers, learning support assistants and early years practitioners.

The events will take place on **Saturday 25 June** at Drove Road Children's Centre in Weston-s-Mare and on **Saturday 9 July** at The Barn in Clevedon. Drop in anytime between 10.30am and 2.30pm.

Call the team on 01934 624 799 for further information.

Forthcoming meetings, training, networks and events:-

Inter Agency Child Protection: Professional Perpetrators

Monday 20th June 2011 9.30am - 12.45pm at The Winter Gardens, Weston-s-Mare.

It is suitable for leaders and managers of organisations. Booking is via CPD online <http://cyps-nsomersetcpd.webbased.co.uk>

This half day workshop is part of North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board's (NSSCB) Inter Agency Training programme, and is designed for leaders from all agencies who have a responsibility for Child Protection.

This workshop is designed to assist managers or leaders of organisations, designated and head teachers, to safeguard children. It is suitable ONLY for those who have management responsibility for the behaviour of staff in respect of safeguarding children in the setting.

The workshop will be facilitated by Mike Reay, Service Manager & Local Authority Designated Officer and Sarah Taylor, Multi Agency Safeguarding Training and Support Officer.

Event Outcomes: By the end of the event participants should:

- Consider research findings about professional perpetrators
- Be aware of national and local statistics
- Consider the nature of professional perpetrators and how this impacts on a manager's role
- Develop an action plan specific to the setting that will help mitigate against the behaviour of professional perpetrators

For additional information please call 01934 42 6349 or email sarah.taylor@n-somerset.gov.uk

Toddler group support sessions at Yeo Valley & Rural Outreach Children's Centre

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Toddler Group Support Sessions for volunteers running their local groups

Venue:
Yeo Valley & rural outreach Children's Centre

When:
Monday 13 June 2011

7pm – 7.30pm
What is a Children's Centre – Tracey Wells – Assistant Locality Leader – Early Years

7.30pm – 9pm
The importance of speech and language in Early Years - Nicola Holmes – Speech & Language Therapist

The aim of the session is to provide volunteers with an:

- Opportunity to visit Yeo Valley & rural outreach Children's Centre and learn about services Children Centres offer
- Overview of the importance of speech and language and communication skills in early years
- What children need to develop these skills
- Every Child a Talker top tips and simple activities to take away

To reserve a place please contact:
Debbie Pope 01934 426643



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If you would like to have an article included in the next e-newsletter please contact the Family Information Service 01934 426 300 or email fis@n-somerset.gov.uk

Paediatric First Aid Course

This course covers the role of the First Aider and how to act safely, promptly and effectively when an emergency occurs such as a child becoming unwell or injured.



Target audience:

All Early Years, Childcare and Play Practitioners (Essential for Childminders, and other settings who must have a qualified First Aider on the premises at all times).

The Certificate **must** be renewed every three years. Please ensure that you renew your certificate before it expires. **The certificate must not run out of date.**

NB Prospective childminders **must** hold a current paediatric first aid certificate before they apply to Ofsted.

Duration: 2 days

Course dates:

CPD Event Code	Date	Time	Venue
TBC	Saturday 9 & 16 July 2011	09:30 – 16:00	Clevedon Community School, Valley Road, Clevedon, BS21 6AH

Course fee: £52 per person
(a post dated cheque made payable to North Somerset Council for the course fee is required immediately after the booking was made)

Training provider: Services in Health Education Ltd

Booking enquiries: Stana Balogova
Training Administrator
Tel. 01275 888 677
Email stana.balogova@n-somerset.gov.uk
On-line booking:
<http://cpd.n-somerset.gov.uk/cpdonline>

All cheques to be sent to: Stana Balogova
Training Administrator, Workforce Development Team
Children and Young People's Services
North Somerset Council
Town Hall
Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-s-Mare, BS23 1UJ

Safeguarding Children

(Basic Awareness)

Target audience: All Early Years, Childcare and Play Practitioners

This course aims to: Provide childcare practitioners with the knowledge, skills and support to recognise and know how to act upon, indicators that a child's welfare or safety may be at risk.

By the end of the course delegates will be able to:

1. begin to assess a child's needs and safety concerns.
2. identify and respond appropriately to a child safety concern.
3. recognise possible signs and symptoms of abuse.
4. understand about safeguarding policies and procedures in their setting and where to go for help.
5. state their role in safeguarding procedures.

Course Dates:

CPD Event Code	Date	Time	Venue
10-000345	Saturday 18 June 2011	09:30 – 15:30	Clevedon Children's Centre, The Barn, Great Western Road, Clevedon

Course fee: Fully funded (£20 deposit required)
(a post dated cheque made payable to North Somerset Council for the course deposit is required immediately after the booking was made)

Training provider:  CJ ASSOCIATES

Booking Enquiries: Stana Balogova, Training Administrator
Tel. 01275 888 677
Email stana.balogova@n-somerset.gov.uk
On-line booking:
<http://cpd.n-somerset.gov.uk/cpdonline>

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Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road,
Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ

Training for ALL Childminders - there are a few spaces left on:

Rachael Underwood - Enabling Positive Behaviour Training

Date & Time: Saturday 11 June 2011 9:30 - 13:30

Venue: Banwell Children's Centre

This course will look at what to do in those tricky moments when children aren't doing what you would like them to do. For example: tipping water over the floor, squashing worms in the garden, shouting loudly inside when another child is sleeping.

We will look at a variety of strategies to handle these situations which leaves everyone's self esteem intact.

In this workshop you will have the opportunity to learn some conflict resolution techniques, which will enable you to respond positively and appropriately to children so that their disputes can become positive learning opportunities for both children and adults.

To book, please go to: <http://cyps-nsomersetcpd.webbased.co.uk> and search for Rachael Underwood

*(please note: the training states that the target audience is accredited and approved childminders – however there are a few spaces left and we would like to welcome **all childminders** to take up the opportunity to book onto this training - cost only £17.00)*

Event Outcomes - The course will enable delegates to:

1. Develop consistent strategies for dealing with conflict.
2. Recognise the importance of emotion in dealing with conflict.

****FREE BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT TRAINING** - Quality Improvement Workshop for ALL childminders and Out of School clubs**

The focused topic for these workshops is managing children's behaviour and resolving conflict between children.

The session is especially useful for practitioners who have not yet attended behaviour management training by Rachel Underwood or are seeking to refresh and build upon existing skills.

As a local authority we believe that managing children's behaviour and conflict resolution should be part of every practitioner's basic training.

These workshops are *free*:

Tuesday 5th July 2011, 7pm - 9pm,
Portishead Folk Hall, High Street,
Portishead, BS20 6PR

Wednesday 13 July 2011, 7pm - 9pm,
Castle Batch Children's Centre,
Bishop Avenue, Off Magdalen Way,
Worle, BS22 7PQ

To book, please go to: <http://cyps-nsomersetcpd.webbased.co.uk>

And search for "quality improvement workshop Diane Scarborough"

If you are a pre-school or nursery and feel that you have staff who would benefit from this training, please let your consultant/advisor know, as we may open the training up further if we have any unused spaces.

Foundation Degree in Early Years

Weston College offers a Foundation degree in Early Years that is ideal for anyone working with young children.



Current students include nursery managers, room leaders, childminders and teaching assistants, and the course can lead on to BA. Hons and EYPS, or teacher training.

The course provides background theory to current good practice as well as developing new skills in childcare. The requirements for a place on the course are a level 3 qualification in early years and at least two years experience working with young children.

There are still a few places left for this September, and there may be some assistance from North Somerset Council to help with funding.

For more information, please contact **Mark Wilkins at Weston College on 01934 411 411**, or email: mark.wilkins@weston.ac.uk

Jobs:-

Springboard Opportunity Group

Vacancies – Part-time Early Years Practitioners (minimum 4 sessions per week) term time only for Weston & Clevedon centres, to support children with additional needs at Springboard and mainstream settings. Level 3 childcare qualification, minimum 3 years experience essential.



Contact Yvonne at Clevedon on 01275 341 113 for an application pack. Closing date: 13th June 2011.