



A Big Hello from your new Out of School Childcare Development Worker

Welcome to this my first edition of Out of School Childcare Development News. I hope by now I have been able to meet you, either by visiting your setting or at the network meetings. For those of you I have not yet met, a small introduction may help: My name is Jon Chapman and I am the Out of School Childcare Development Worker (CDW) for Winchester and Test Valley. Before moving to this job I worked for the YMCA for almost 8 years. I have a very strong background in Play Work and hope you find me friendly, approachable and able to advise and support you.

The Childcare Development Worker (CDW) assists Group Leaders and management committees in setting up and maintaining a range of out of school provision for children aged 0 to 19 in the Winchester and Test Valley districts. Services provided include support with funding applications, promoting good quality and inclusive practice, and supporting play workers.

Childcare Development Team

There are many parts to our team some faces you will get to know, some of them names that you may know of. In the Winchester Area Community Action (WACA) Team serving Winchester and Test Valley are Jon Chapman (Childcare Development Worker), Elaine Rolfe (Childcare Support Officer) and Rachel Birnie (Admin Support).



Jon



Elaine



Rachel

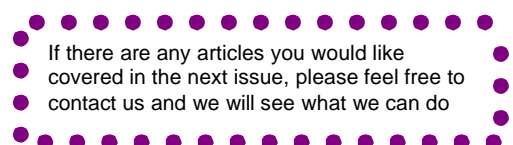
The Winchester Area Community Action Out of School
Childcare Development Team

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If there are any articles you would like covered in the next issue, please feel free to contact us and we will see what we can do

Holiday Entitlement

The government have now introduced new legislation to increase holiday entitlement. The holiday entitlement has increased from 1st October 2007 from 20 days per year rising to 28 days per year by April 2009. You can find relevant information and a ready reckoner to assist with transition calculations on the government web site www.berr.gov.uk or contact Jon or Elaine on 01962 848014.

What's in a name?

The Department of Trade and Industry no longer exists.

You will be able to access the information previously provided by the DTI through The Department for Business Enterprise & Regulatory Reform (DBERR) and the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills. (DIUS)

<http://www.berr.gov.uk>
<http://www.dius.gov.uk/>

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2007
19-23 November



*Safer together,
safer wherever*

Anti-Bullying Alliance

NEW ABA Audit Toolkit - designed to help you assess report and make informed responses to bullying. Free to download www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

Anti-Bullying Week 2007

The dates for Anti-Bullying Week 2007 will be 19-23 November.

The theme will be around school and community and will provide scope to explore safer routes to and from school, community cohesion, engaging parents/careers in school life, cyberbullying, and extended school provision.

The NSPCC also has lots of information on Anti Bullying Issues which can be found at

<http://www.childline.org.uk/Bullying.asp>

Please Note: All opinions expressed in 'Out of School Childcare Development News' are not necessarily those of Winchester Area Community Action's Trustee Board, staff or members. We are pleased to include contributions from any of our readers, and welcome articles and information, although WACA retains the right to edit articles as necessary.

Minimum Wage

The National Minimum Wage has increased again from October 2007.

The minimum wage is a legal right which covers almost all workers above compulsory school leaving age. There are different minimum wage rates for different groups of workers.

On 1st October 2007 the following increases became law:

The main rate for workers aged 22 and over increased to £5.52 an hour from £5.35.

The development rate for 18-21 year olds increased to £4.60 an hour from £4.45.

The development rate for 16-17 year old increased to £3.40 an hour from £3.30.

It is important to note that these new rates only apply to pay reference periods beginning on or after the date they came into law.

Celebration of Play!

The Celebration of Play is a chance for Play Workers from the area to get together and celebrate all the great work they do.

The settings gain awards for different aspects for their work.

And it's a chance for us to say THANK YOU to the providers, something that many providers don't get to hear enough!

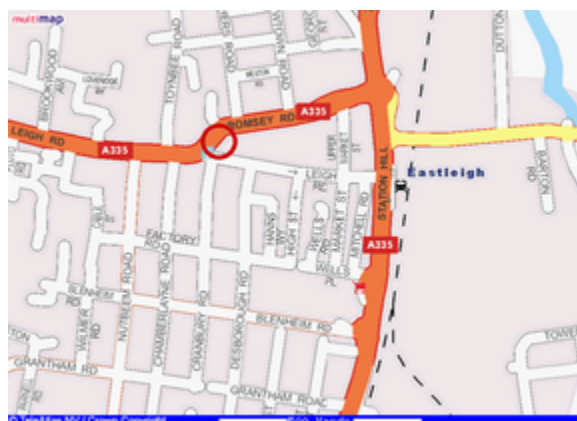


The event this year will be taking place on the Tuesday 6th November at 6.30pm

The venue will be

The Point, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DE

Hope to see you all there!



Ofsted Inspection

The **HOTSPOT** Ofsted seem to be picking up on is Contingency Plans.

Do you know where you will go if your site is out of use?

Ofsted want to see that you have a contingency plan should your site not be useable or you have to evacuate. A place big enough for you to fit in, which is in walking distance from your setting, somewhere parents will know where to pick up from?

If you have not got one you need to do one, if you need any help please contact Elaine or Jon.

Charities Act 2006

In November 2006 the new Charities Act was passed. For those groups run by a management committee of trustee's you need to be aware that changes have been made and your responsibilities.

The Charity Commission publish the Charity Commission News, which goes through the details of the main areas of change.

You can obtain the latest copy of the Charity Commission News by printing the .pdf file from the Charity Commission web site. www.charitycommission.gov.uk

The Charity Commission have recently updated their web site, if you log on to the above web site and follow the link Charities Act updates, you will be able to obtain further information and details to how the Act could affect you.

Or if you would rather you can call them on 0845 3000 218.

Funding - Awards for All

Who can apply?

You can apply if you are a not-for-profit group or you are a parish or town council, school or health body.

You must have a bank account that requires at least two people to sign each cheque or withdrawal.

You must use the grant within one year.

Councillor Funding

Every councillor at Hampshire County Council is being allocated a budget of £10,000 to use to provide grants to help fund initiatives that benefit the local community in the area they have been elected to represent.

The grants will be available for voluntary organisations and community groups to use to initiate a project, contribute to a community based project that might otherwise be vulnerable, or to make a local organisation a grant for a specific one-off item of expenditure such as new equipment – but not for ongoing running costs. Enter the link below and go down to County Councillor grants.

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/grants/cx-grants-application-forms.htm>

Play Pods

Don't forget the Play Pod Lending Library we have here at WACA. The pods contain equipment for you to use at your setting and they are free to hire!

If you would like more information or to borrow a Play Pod please call Rachel on 01962 848014.