

Minutes of the SENDCo Forum held on Wednesday 15th February 2017

The meeting was chaired by David Bertwistle as Julie Burnett-Kirk was absent due to her husband's illness. Everyone at the meeting sent their good wishes to Julie and to Paul for a speedy recovery.

Julie had arranged a number of speakers for the meeting:

Sally Smith, Speech and Language Therapist. Sally gave a quick overview of the projects that had been running and feedback that she had received from a survey she had carried out. The School Start programme had been a great success and staff seemed happy to deliver this again next year and to the Year 1 pupils who may need it. The results of the survey were varied and it was agreed that individual school should contact Sally directly when they had a specific concern.

Alex Boys, Educational Psychologist. A range of training was discussed and the following agreed:

14 th March 2017	Attachment
9 th May 2017	Growth Mindset
27 th June 2017	Working Memory, especially in Maths

Alex also agreed to attend the next SENDCo Forum (date to be decided) to discuss methods of assessment and interpreting results.

Lisa Nugent, Free2Be, Lifeskills Workshop. Lisa spoke passionately about her work and the impact of mental health issues on young people. It was agreed that individual schools would contact Lisa directly on her mobile or via her website if they wanted to make use of her in their school. David will look at the possibility of finding funding via the Inclusion Hub to see if this is a project we can run across the locality. lisa@free2be.org.uk

Jill Dyble, Ethnic Minority Achievement Team. Jill also spoke with passion about the LA service for supporting second language learners across the county and how she wants the Rother Valley locality to make more use of the service. SENDCos were invited to a network meeting on **23rd March** at **St Richards** in Chichester. Jill also offered to support schools with the EAL assessment forms.

David reminded all present about the Inclusion Hub Roadshow on **Wednesday 14th June** and urged all schools to attend with targeted parent groups.

The meeting closed at 3.40pm