



## NST Newsletter: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021

This week's newsletter features the following items:

- Autumn Term Network Meetings
- Forging Ahead Programme for Heads of School. Assistant and Deputy Headteachers **(1 document attached)**
- Careering Ahead Programme for Middle Leaders **(1 document attached)**
- Preparing for External Scrutiny Sessions
- Local Authority Consultation with Headteachers and SENCOs **(1 document attached)**
- Useful Information from Andrew Hall Safeguarding Briefing
- New ChalleNGe Primary and Secondary Schools Newsletters are out!
- Job Opportunity – School Project Manager at Mellers Primary School (Place2Be)

### Autumn Term Network Meetings

The following autumn term Subject Leader Network meetings are now available to book (the MFL Network date has been newly added this week). Click on the links below to visit our Eventbrite page:

- [Forest Schools and Outdoor Learning Network – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [PSHE Network – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Music Network – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Maths Network – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [RE Network – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Diversity Network – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [English Network – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Performing Arts Network – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Phonics Network – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Assessment Leads Network – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1.30pm to 3.30pm](#)
- [Design and Technology Network – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm to 4.30pm](#)
- [ICT Network – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [MFL Network – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 3.45pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [Early Years Network – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- PE Network – PE leaders will be able to sign up for the Active Notts Conference on 24/11/2021 – booking details to follow shortly.
- [Maths Network – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Inclusion Network – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 3.30pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [Science Network – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)

Further meeting dates will be added over the following weeks once details are finalised; email [Emily](#) if you have any queries.

### **Forging Ahead Programme for Heads of School. Assistant and Deputy Headteachers**

Sally Manz (school Improvement Advisor) will once again be delivering termly CPD sessions for senior leaders. See the attached flyer for further details.

The dates of these sessions are as follows (click on the links below to book a place):

- [Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 1.30pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, 1.40pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 1.30pm to 4.00pm](#)

### **Careering Ahead Programme for Middle Leaders**

Sally will also be delivering termly CPD for our middle leaders. The attached flyer gives further information about the Careering Ahead programme.

Meeting dates are as follows (click on the links below to book):

- [Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 1.30pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 1.30pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 1.30pm to 4.00pm](#)

### **Preparing for External Scrutiny Sessions**

Our fabulous SIA Emma Hollis is running 2 twilight sessions for schools who would like to start preparing for external scrutiny. There are 2 sessions:

1. [5<sup>th</sup> October 2021- 4-6pm online via TEAMS](#)
2. [12<sup>th</sup> October- Nottingham Nursery and Training Centre- face to face- 4.30-6.00pm.](#)

Please follow the links if you wish to book a place.

### **Local Authority Consultation with Headteachers and SENCOs**

Fiona Gray, Principal Educational Psychologist & Service Manager for the Local Authority's SEND Inclusion Support Services, has asked us to share the attached flyer with NST SENCOs and Senior Leaders.

As part of wider consultation project within Nottingham City involving key stake holders, EPS are hoping to explore your views on:

- Which children are the most challenging to include in your setting?
- Which children are at risk of permanent exclusion?
- What makes a difference to you in supporting these children (helps and hinders)?
- What more could be done in Nottingham City to help support these children?

There will be an in-person meeting held on:

**Monday 11th October from 4-5.30pm at Glade Hill Primary School, Chippenham Road, Bestwood Park, Nottingham. NG5 5TA**

This information will help the local authority understand the views of settings and identify what further support may be needed to promote all children's inclusion within Nottingham city.

Please can you let us know if you are able to attend by emailing NST or Becky Drew- [becky.drew@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:becky.drew@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) or Sarah Cooper [sarah.cooper@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.cooper@nottinghamcity.gov.uk).

### **Useful Information from Andrew Hall Safeguarding Briefing**

The following articles appeared in Andrew Hall's email safeguarding briefing on 20/09, which you may find helpful:

#### ***Free bereavement training for teachers (Winston's Wish)***

On average, 1 in every 29 children will be bereaved of a parent. That's one in every class. Whether your student has been bereaved recently or several years ago, they need support from the school community to ensure that they can cope with their grief. That's why it's vital that teachers and staff understand how to support the grieving children and young people in their school.

Free online bereavement training courses from Winston's Wish will help you understand how grief affects a child or young person and how you can help them cope with their grief. The courses are designed for schools and would also be useful for anyone who works with bereaved children. Written by the Winston's Wish team, drawing on their many years of experience supporting bereaved children.

Access the free training here: <https://www.winstonswish.org/bereavement-training-courses-schools/>

#### ***Responding To Online challenges (SWGfL)***

Online challenges and scares are becoming more frequent. It's important for professionals and parents to know what to do when they arise in order to de-escalate them.

Watch this new video from UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC) to find out more:

<https://video.buffer.com/v/610d0862846ad072074894ea>

The Safer Internet Helplines can be found here, including the Professionals' Online Safety Helpline (POSH): <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/our-helplines>

### ***Anti-bullying Week: 15th - 19th November 2021***

Anti-bullying Week is coordinated in England by the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) and this year has the theme 'One Kind Word'. The week will begin with Odd Socks Day supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band Andy and the Odd Socks.

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us.

In 2020, 80% of schools took part in the week reaching over 7.5 million children and young people. Schools in England can now download free teaching resources and themed assemblies, geared to different key stages.

You can find out more information, and download early resources, like '50 ideas for Anti-bullying week' here: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word>

### **New ChalleNGe Primary and Secondary Schools Newsletters are out!**

The new ChalleNGe Secondary Schools and Primary Schools Newsletters for Teachers at Nottingham City Schools are out! You can read them here <https://bit.ly/PrimarySept21> and here <https://bit.ly/SecondarySept21>

If you like to receive one by email, please add yourself to our email list here <http://bit.ly/ChalleNGeMailingList>.

### **Job Opportunity – School Project Manager at Mellers Primary School (Place2Be)**

Place2Be are recruiting for a School Project Manager vacancy at Mellers Primary School. Click [here](#) for more information about the role and to apply online. The closing date is 14<sup>th</sup> October.