

Summer Term Newsletter 2021

Hi everyone,

We hope you are managing to keep your head above water during these inside out, upside down times. We are still here and available for you and working hard to help make training as easy as possible for you.

We had a successful Managers Meeting in February where more settings were able to get involved with our Aspiration Networks.

These free networks are open to all EY practitioners and aim to help workforce development and quality improvement. They give EY practitioners an opportunity to share best practice, establish vital networking links and benefit from peer-to-peer collaboration. For more information and to find out your network lead, please click on this link <https://www.warwickshireearlyyears.co.uk/alliance>

 **GOOD NEWS:** Warwickshire Early Years are happy to announce that more provision and support will be given to Childminders working in Warwickshire. We launch our NEW networking get together solely for Childminders on 18/05/21

'An exciting opportunity to informally meet with other childminders across the county to share the joys and challenges of childminding.'

 **NEWSFLASH** : We have received some funding from the LA to deliver training to help with mindfulness and wellbeing directly aimed at the individual staff within early years. Looking after each other and ourselves is a priority and a new course will offer practical ways for people to cope with the aftermath of lockdown. Details of these FREE courses will be available on the website soon.

LOOK OUT FOR: During the Easter break our booking system is having a makeover and should be easier to navigate. The online Zoom links will be in the booking confirmation so it will be easier to find when registering and on the day of your sessions.

 **RAFFLE:** Kelly Willis won our last raffle for following us via Facebook and has received her voucher towards money off future training.

 **RESOURCE IDEAS:** <https://www.gonoodle.com/> GoNoodle® engages and inspires millions of kids every month to channel their boundless energy—getting them up, moving and becoming more mindful. Created by child development experts, you can join for free at school, home, and everywhere kids are!

 **GREAT IDEAS FOR THE SUMMER TERM:** As we start to think about the transition for some of our children - The invisible String, written by Patrice Karst is a wonderful book for looking at transitions.

Warwickshire County Council have produced a website and app '50 things to do before your 5' - it can be downloaded here for free <https://warwickshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcome>

The RHS has produced a gardening sheet for Early Years - <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/resources/info-sheet/early-years-settings>

 Thinking of you all and please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is something you think we can help you with, Nicci, Michelle, Sarah & Helen. 