

Noticeboard

Children and Young Peoples Services

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From the Director

Dear colleagues

In the midst of all your end of term celebrations and no doubt hectic preparation for Christmas, I hope you have a chance to reflect on the past year – although there have been challenges along the way there have been many successes for your pupils/students, your schools and you as individuals. The relationship between us as the LA and our school community continues to evolve with positive relationships that should support all of us through 2012 and beyond.

Very best wishes for a happy Christmas.

Sheila Smith, Director of Children and Young People's Services

Payroll Advice following Strike Action

Employees who did not attend work due to strike action on 30 November 2011 are not eligible for payment for that day, as previously advised. The deduction from pay will be made in the January 2012 salary payment.

Leanne Bridges, HR Operations Lead

Absence Benchmarking Sheets

Absence benchmarking sheets are now available on NOIR using the new 15% definition of persistent absence for 2010/11, Terms 1-4. There is a sheet for primary schools and a sheet for secondary schools which can be found under the appropriate benchmarking folders in the 2011 sub folders. To view your school's data please enter your DfE number in the red box.

Felicity Williamson, Information Officer, Management Information and Research Team

Admission Arrangements and Admission Numbers Consultation for 2013-14

As this is the last Noticeboard of the year please be advised in advance that the formal consultation on proposed admission arrangements for all mainstream schools for the 2013-14 school year will be available through this [link](#) on 16 December:

Within this link you may read the proposals for:

- Co-ordinated New Intake Admission Schemes – these apply to all schools but are of particular relevance to Voluntary Aided, Foundation (including Trust) schools and Academies
- Admission Arrangements for New Intake and In-Year admissions for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools, including oversubscription criteria and Admission Numbers
- Admission Arrangements including oversubscription criteria and Admission Numbers for Voluntary Aided, Foundation (including Trust) schools and Academies

We would like to receive your views and please also make parents aware of the consultation which will be open to 1 March 2012.

[Terri Knowlton](#), School Admissions and Transport Manager

Closing Wyvern Community School Accounts – Internal Invoices and Transactions

Wyvern Community School ceased on 12 May 2011 and became Hans Price Academy. The deadline for all internal invoices and transactions to be processed for Wyvern Community School is **31 January 2012**. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

[Jenny Farrell](#), Schools Finance Officer

Cheque Book Schools

The Schools Standard and Framework Act 1998 (paragraph 3.5 North Somerset Scheme for Financing Schools) requires Local Authorities to offer schools the opportunity to manage their own bank account on an annual basis. Please note, however, that schools that have a deficit balance are not permitted a bank account until the deficit is cleared.

If you are considering becoming a cheque book school please refer to: <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/Education/School+management/Finance/considerationsforbecomingachequebookschool.htm>.

For all schools that would like a bank account for the next financial year can you please complete the Request for a Bank Account 2012-13 form on the [December 2011](#) web page and return it to Commissioning, Contracts and Funding Team **by 13 January 2011**.

If you require further information, please contact me on 01934 426407.

[Emma Whitehead](#), Commissioning and Compliance Manager

Information Communication Sheets

Full copies of these documents and any attachments for the month of December can be accessed on our website at [December 2011](#). Copies of Information Communication Sheets from previous months can be downloaded from the website at <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/Education/Staff/communicationwithschools>.

Reference	Subject	Target audience
1112/0013	Merlin 2013 and Beyond	Headteachers of infant, primary, junior, secondary and special schools and Pupil Referral Units and ICT Co-ordinators
1112/0014	ICT Newsletter – Term 2 December 2011	All staff in schools, Pupil Referral Units

Christmas Stay and Play at Clevedon Children's Centre

Please see the poster on the [December 2011](#) web page for details of the Christmas Stay & Play session at The Barn on 19 December.

[Elaine Mortimer](#), Senior Business Support Administrator

Your North Somerset

Your North Somerset returns on **Sunday 22 January 2012** at the Winter Gardens, in Weston-super-Mare, 12:00 – 4:00pm, with a host of colourful entertainment, food from far-off countries, information, advice and opportunities for all ages to get involved. Click on the link www.n-somerset.gov.uk/yms for more information or contact me on 01934 634832.

[Louise Roberts](#), Equality and Diversity Manager

The CASSA Conference 2012

Next year's CASSA conference will be held on **Friday 16 March** at The Lakewood Centre, Blagdon. This is a conference for small schools across North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and BANES. The theme is Creativity and Multiculturalism and there will be a choice of 3 workshops with the keynote speech being given by Ben Walden from Contender Charlie on the power of storytelling and mythology to enhance and inspire the creative learning of young people.

The cost is £72 to include refreshments and all workshops. All small schools should receive a booking form by email within the next week. For further information please contact me on 01761 462662 or email burrington.pri@n-somerset.gov.uk.

[Alison Waite](#), Headteacher, Burrington Primary School