

Dear All

**The Healthy Lifestyles Programme (HeLP)**

**A school-based intervention to prevent and reduce obesity in primary school children.**

A quick reminder about the HeLP project which is moving on to Phase 3 and will carry out an exploratory randomised controlled trial of the Healthy Lifestyles Programme. A number of schools have already volunteered to take part in this phase of the project but Jenny Lloyd would like the input from a few more schools. If you would like to take part, please click onto the attached document which will give you full details:

<http://www.devon.gov.uk/sc-feb0748022a.pdf>

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**Wednesday 12th March 2008. Devon Schools - Learning Platforms**

**Update:**

This briefing is designed for Senior Leaders and ICT Subject Leaders. It will cover:

- What is a Learning Platform?
- What does a Learning Platform offer?
- Meeting the government targets for on-line learning space.
- SWGfL Merlin and support for learning platforms.
- School based examples of using a learning platform.

**Date:** Wednesday 12th March 2008

**Venue:** Tiverton Hotel

**Time:** 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm

**To book:** [www.deseducation.org/cpd](http://www.deseducation.org/cpd)

**Note:** This is a repeat of the briefing held in November 2007.

Additional briefings will be offered subject to demand.

Should you require further information please click onto the attachment below:

<http://www.devon.gov.uk/sc-feb0748023.pdf>

**Tuesday 1st April 2008: DAPH Council Meeting at Parkway House Hotel, Sampford Peverell, Devon, EX16 7BJ**

Yes! It's April Fools' Day but there *will* be a DAPH Council Meeting for all Local Learning Community Reps on 1st April 2008.

Start: 9.30 am

Lunch: 12.30 pm

Finish: 3.30 pm

Please find attached the last DAPH Council minutes.

<http://www.devon.gov.uk/sc-jan0747019a.pdf>

**An Agenda for Tuesday 1st April 2008 will be sent out nearer the time.**  
Please contact the DAPH office to confirm your attendance.

**New Heads' Induction Day**

**Wednesday 2nd April 2008: Tiverton Best Western Hotel, Blundells Road, Tiverton.**

DAPH and Head Teacher Support will be running the above course for new Headteachers. This course will be FREE to all New Headteachers. It will be an afternoon session only; starting with lunch at 12.45 pm and finishing at 3.30 pm. Two members of the DAPH Executive (Anne Ladbrook and Paul Walker) will be providing an overview of DAPH and highlighting some of the support mechanisms that exist within Devon for Primary Headteachers. A letter and agenda will be sent to new Headteachers about this course but if you would like to book onto the course beforehand please contact Linda on 01392 410766 or e-mail [daph@devon.gov.uk](mailto:daph@devon.gov.uk).

**Interviews for the Headteacher Support Posts:**

The interviews will take place on Friday 29th February; when the appointments have been made we will let you know new contact numbers and names in due course.

**Friday 13th June 2008: DAPH Conference:**

Just an up-date about the conference. We will have the pleasure of Roger McGough's company at our DAPH Conference. It's 40 years since Roger achieved real fame with the publication of the collection of poems included in *The Mersey Sound* (1967), which is going to be reprinted in June as a Penguin Modern Classic. Don't be put off by the age of this collection, I was only two at the time it was published and yet I own a copy! If you don't know this collection, it's well worth a look. Roger is also a regular presenter of *Radio Four's Poetry Please*; he's a fantastic poet, entertaining, rye and with some great one-liners. He's a great entertainer and happy to sign books and chat to the audience. Miss this at your peril!

As you know Andrew Curran, practising paediatric neurologist, is our Key Note speaker and will be answering such questions as:

- What does the learning brain need and what can you do to help?
- What is going on between their ears when learning doesn't seem to happen?
- What is the truth about emotional intelligence, self esteem and learning?
- What is the neuroscience of underachievement?
- Is Ritalin the answer? Or simply better educated parents?

Well!, after all that complex science a bit of poetry will end the day nicely! To book, remember if you subscribe to DAPH you have one **Free** place, and an extra place will only cost £50, what a bargain!. Ring the DAPH office on 01392 410766 to book or e-mail [daph@devon.gov.uk](mailto:daph@devon.gov.uk).

**Prospectus Photography Service - John Morton, CYPS, Room 140,  
County Hall, Tel. 01392 384346 Email. john.morton@devon.gov.uk**

The Prospectus Photography is available to all schools on a pay as you use basis. The service is in the new portfolio of services to schools already but here's a quick link below for details, prices, booking forms and examples of John's photography.

<http://www.devon.gov.uk/photographyservices.htm>

**And Finally . . .**

**Scandal . . .** "Gossip made tedious by morality." Oscar Wilde

**Self-praise . . .** "Something you're uniquely qualified to give." Anon.

**Quotation . . .** "The act of repeating erroneously the words of another."  
Ambrose Bierce

**Did you know . . .**

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

It's impossible to lick your elbow.

The bullet-proof vest, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers were all invented by women.

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