

DAG NEWS

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DAG Area Meetings

Tuesday 21st September - **Ottery St Mary**
Wednesday 22nd September - **Newton Abbot**
Tuesday 28th September - **Tiverton**
Wednesday 29th September - **Bridestowe**.
Advance notice of these very useful evening sessions held by Governors for Governors. All Clerks & Governors are very welcome.

Okehampton C.C.

Many congratulations to Okehampton CC on winning the Ashden Schools Award for 2010. It is a fabulous achievement. The details for entry to this prestigious annual prize are to be found at www.ashdenawards.org

Chancellor's Emergency Budget

The Chancellor's budget statement made a number of announcements which are of immediate interest to schools. See: <http://www.devon.gov.uk/sc-jun1024004.pdf> from Judith Johnson, Director for Learning & Schools.

Important Safeguarding Information

Vetting and Barring Scheme Halted

Our new Government has announced their decision to halt the final phase of the new Independent Safeguarding Authority's Vetting and Barring Scheme, due to launch next month. See <http://www.devon.gov.uk/sc-jun1022019.pdf>

LPG Gas Safety Systems

Following a recent inspection of the LPG gas delivery systems at a Devon school the Health and Safety Executive have identified a number of failures in the statutory requirements which may result in formal enforcement notices being issued. See: <http://www.devon.gov.uk/sc-jun1022032.pdf>

DEF Vacancies

(Devon Education Forum)
Two vacancies exist for one Secondary and one Primary Governor. Anybody interested in joining this important and influential body should contact David Tall via www.dag.gb.com Voting for DEF members is also available on the website. Voting will open 21 July and finish on 21 August.

Single Offer Point for Reception Admissions

Following this year's revision of The School Admissions Code of Practice there is a new statutory requirement on all admission authorities to offer admission to Reception class from the 2011-12 academic year from the beginning of the September term following the fourth birthday. This requirement has been implemented in the admission arrangements for 2011-12 which were determined earlier this term. Available from:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissions

MASH Roadshow Events

(Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub.)
Sept 9th in Tiverton, Sept 23rd in Exeter. See: <http://www.devon.gov.uk/sc-jun1021035.pdf>

Term Time Changes of School

5000 Devon parents want to change their children's school during term time, you should be aware that from September 2010 they will have to complete a new application form via County. This measure does not affect parents whose children are starting Primary School or transferring from Primary to Secondary in the normal way. www.devon.gov.uk/admissions

Harnessing Technology Grant

Please note, there are press reports that the DfE is planning to reduce HTG by 50% in year. County are pressing DfE to give a definitive position but please take this in to account if you are committing funding. If schools have spent more than 50%, the difference will be charged to your school budget share.

Have a fabulous break!

Thank you to all of you who give of your time, knowledge & expertise to help our children & future generations.

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