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**BRADFORD**

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**Date: 11.12.15**

**Venue: Thornton Primary School**

**Present:**

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| Rosie Watson | Byron Primary School |
| Amy McGrail | Christ Church CE Academy |
| Angela Richmond | Eastburn JI |
| Hilary Gornall | Eastburn JI |
| Dominic Sheard | Killinghall Primary School |
| Christine Thompson | Knowleswood Primary School |
| Kath Taylor | Knowleswood Primary School |
| Sannah Malik | Lapage Primary School |
| Sherrie Lake | Lidget Green Primary School |
| Kelly Booth | Oakbank School |
| Maggie Parker | Oakbank School |
| Diane Harold | Priestthorpe Secondary School (Leeds) |
| Karen Hoyle | Shipley CE Primary |
| Laura Dixon | Southmere Primary School |
| Lizzie Hodgeson | St Cuthbert & the First Martyrs' Catholic Primary |
| Jenny McGuinness | St Josephs (Keighley) |
| Anwen Thompson | Thornton Primary School |
| Farah Ayub | Thornton Primary School |
| Nicola Stephenson | Thornton Primary School |
| Jessica Meegan | Westbourne Primary School |
| Jane Hague | Southmere Primary School |

**Apologies**:

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| Judith Mowbray | Eastburn JI |
| Ken Burkinshaw | Eastburn JI |
| Jayne Page | Hanson School |
| Linda Hacking | Shipley CE Primary |

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| **Item** | **Notes** |
| **1** | **Introductions:*** Alison Smith welcomed the group and thanked the school for providing the venue.

**New to NG:*** Southmere Primary may set up a NG
* Byron Primary have had a NG since Sept 2015
* St Cuthberts have a new NG room
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| **2** | **Host School:** * The ARK NG at Thornton Primary started in the woods around 7 years ago, they progressed to a mobile classroom before being in the school itself.
* Anwen has been there from the start but now moving on
* The schools provision is changing
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| **3** | **Managing school Christmas with vulnerable children – ensuring a good experience for all*** Some people don’t have the time and space to think about this time of year.
* Some children don’t look forward to Christmas.
* Changes in routine/structure in a school can impact on behaviour.
* Try to maintain a normal routine with the NG. Give the children a choice – have an open door policy so they can go into NG rather than a classroom.
* Be aware of sensory overload – noise levels may be too much for some children
* Take out a child if the situation is not right for them. Stay with what they are comfortable with and differentiate.
* All children not just the NG ones can might feel the pressure.

Ideas:* Jig-saw pass the parcel.
* Crafts for Xmas
* Replicate Xmas day – open present from under the tree
* Play out nativity scenes
* Photos of NG- add to a calendar
* Activity pack to take home for something to do in the holidays.
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| **4** | **Good Practice- sharing ideas / Good news / New ideas*** Amy McGrail has an expertise around interior design for rooms, colour, display, layout etc
* Oakbank School are hoping to achieve the Quality Mark soon, the first secondary school in the district.
* Eastburn Primary - have been making reindeers outside under an emergency shelter over a picnic bench, which the children love. The products are to be sold and all the proceeds go towards more resources for the NG.
* A few schools run NG outdoors to give team building skills.
* Y1&2 – link with Early Yrs to develop excellence around provision.
* Daily observations sheet – tick box.
* Nurture journal with photos. Each week stick pictures in the book and ask the pupil to write what they were doing when the photo was taken.
* Parents breakfast – parents loved looking at the photos and seeing the progress. Take photos at the breakfast – parent and child together.

**Boxall*** Boxall is online – see leaflet sent at same time as these minutes.
* Boxall example completed also sent at the time as these minutes.
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| **5** | **AOB*** Sad to hear a few schools are reducing NG provision due to funding cuts. Both time and space cut down.
* Some staff mentioned the pressure of feeling rushed to get something achieved.
* Reminder at the mtg - **Nurturing Talk pilot** for Clare Reed –This is now underway and all schools who expressed an interest has been emailed by Clare on 10.11.12. She is asking for a host for the training day- dates given in the email.
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|  | **Venues for these meetings URGENTLY required – for some dates below – if you can help please email** **lynda.hitchen@bradford.gov.uk****Dates of future meetings** |
|  | **Date** | **Time** | **Place** |
|  | 05 Feb 201618 Mar 201613 May 201617 Jun 2016 | 09.30 – 11.00 am 09.30 – 11.00 am 09.30 – 11.00 am 09.30 – 11.00 am  | Hanson SchoolTBATBATBA |
|  | There was the usual opportunity to stay on after the end of the meeting to network with colleagues/ask questions/consider assignments, etc. |

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