**INFORMATION SESSIONS**

IN THE EXMOUTH ACADEMIC LEARNING COMMUNITY (funding available for TAs)

**(Parents, teaching assistants, teachers, child-minders and other interested parties all very welcome.)**

**1:30 – 3pm repeated 3:30 - 5pm in the community room at**

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| **Topic** | **Date** | **Notes** |
| **Learning to Wait** | **Friday 4th Nov** | **Why is it so important to be able to wait? It is the basis of resilience, social interaction (turn taking) and self-control (internal discourse). We’ll look at working memory & APD too. Educational Psychologist co-presenting.** |
| **How can I help a child who may have autistic traits? (e.g. Asperger’s/Autism/PDA)** | **Friday 11th Nov** | **As anxiety is at the root of so many behaviours, anyone wanting a greater understanding of these would benefit from attending. We will look at strategies including social stories, ideas for in & out of the class /at home. We will touch on how very bright children can benefit from similar strategies.** |
| **Sibling rivalry** | **Friday 18th Nov** | **Brilliant and effective ideas from various sources, including: How to prevent sibling fighting, Why kids hit siblings and how to help them stop, Bickering in the back seat, how to stay calm when they are pushing your buttons!** |
| **Preparing for Christmas for those children who have suffered loss and change** | **Friday 25th Nov** | **How to help a child suffering from one of these debilitating issues, in the classroom or at home, including working through the stages of grief. How loss, grief, separation and change are linked. Ways you can help a grieving parent. How children of different ages react. Covers divorce and bereavement too.** |
| **Preparing for Christmas; keep calm and MISP** | **Friday 2nd Dec** | **Children who overreact /are not maximising their potential; could this be the way forward for your child (in class/at home)? Learn strategies to keep yourself and the class calm. Ring for more details ☺** |
| **Understanding boys’ learning and motivation** | **Friday 9th Dec** | **Boys can underachieve, show disruptive behaviour and lack motivation for learning. We will learn about boys’ brains, matching needs to activities and creating boy-friendly lessons, classrooms and homes. We’ll look at shame too.** |

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☺NO CHARGE – REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED! ☺ PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE OTHER TOPICS ☺

**Bring your questions – or better still phone or email them in advance and we will find strategies to fit!**

 To book a place or ask for further information, please ring 01395-263397 ext 2 (Please leave a message if necessary and I will get back to you) or email chollingsworth@wrpschool.org . Thank you.