

# Talking is our Business...



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## Happy New Year

Welcome to 2016. This is our first newsletter and we would like to thank all our Educational Settings for their continued support and give a big welcome to our new schools joining the service across Cheshire.



Chatterjacks across the North West continue to promote the skills crucial for encouraging confident communicators. We are also delighted to be welcoming Jenny Procter, the third member of our team who will be ensuring that these preschool sessions are readily available to the increasing number of nurseries and pre-schools making speech, language and communication skills a priority for 2016.

Keep an eye out on what's happening near you by following Chatterjacks on Facebook or @Chatterjacks on twitter. Chatterjacks also has its own dedicated webpage with all the information you need to learn more.

<http://www.chatterjacks.co.uk>

### Early years

We hope all our younger children have settle back in after the busy festive period! We have had a great 2015 listening to what they have to say and supporting them in getting their message across. We look forward to continuing this work with children and staff and developing relationships with new nurseries to identify those children who could be helped quickly as we all know that early intervention is key when working with special little people!

January see us attending the Warrington Nursery Network and we are very much looking forward to meeting those of you supporting these children and sharing some of the great work that is going on out there in Cheshire within our Early years settings. Make sure to say "hi!"





## Special Schools

It has, as always, been a busy and fun filled year within the Special Schools we work in. Thank you to all the staff who have helped to support communication and who have helped to keep those pupils talking throughout the day. Checkout the website [www.janespeechtherapy.co.uk](http://www.janespeechtherapy.co.uk) as we now have some visual supports available for printing and there will be lots more coming soon! We aim to help make things a little easier when it comes to making those visual timetable and keyrings that we all know are vital to help with communication within the school and home.

We have successfully run a variety of clubs and groups within schools like Girls Club, Games Club and Friendship Club. We are excited to be adding Lego Clubs and Conversation time to our groups we offer over the next few months.

## Schools service

All of our schools have been very busy working with us on variety of communication goals across the key stages. The children have been working extremely hard and meeting their challenges with great enthusiasm! Well done to the children and staff for helping them to achieve so much.

We will be pushing forward into 2016 with a variety of new ideas and we are excited to be able to offer schools packages such as Word Finding Wizards, Direction Detectives and Tell Me More groups allowing us to reach more children at a time and encourage good attention, listening and social skills whilst also targeting specific concepts and areas of need. Look out for these being used in your schools we are sure your going to love them.



## Training

2015 was a fantastic year for training and we successfully delivered a wide variety of training across Cheshire. Your feedback was very positive so we are sure you will be pleased to know that the training we offer is growing and we are going to be delivering some training on 'Writing Stories to help with Social situations' early this term along with this we have added 'Lego therapy' to our newly prepared packages. If you are interested in finding out more about training we are happy to create bespoke packages tailored to your settings individual needs. We have also welcomed a new Hanen trained member or staff to our team so watch this space for these packages in the future.

**We are excited to be delivering out 1st Parent Drop In this term. Date and venue to be confirmed via our social media sites soon.**