

# SEND Weekly Newsletter 21 November 2018



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## Pop in and see us for your gift ideas



### Involved? Try to be there

There are some important discussions coming up for professionals during the Multi-Agency Roadshows this week and next - open to all those working to improve the lives of children and young people in Somerset.

Entitled 'The Role of the Lead Professional - The Elephant in the Room', the discussions will be attended by Somerset County Council service Directors. The dates are:

23 November 9 -12.30pm YMCA Bridgwater

29 November 1pm - 4.30pm at Cheddon Fitzpaine Village Hall

If this involves you—please be there if you can email [jhutchings@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:jhutchings@somerset.gov.uk) to book.

If you're stuck for gift ideas there's a brand new shop in town full of lovely stuff.

As reported in this newsletter last week, Sense-ational Shop is an initiative involving pupils from special schools across the county, supported by Somerset County Council.

Young people are running it and all the stock was created by pupils from special schools across the county—from festive gifts, decorations and ornaments, to jams and beautiful works of art.

The project was led by Special Educational Needs. Somerset Expertise (sen.se), with the support of charity Young Somerset.

Sen.se is a collaborative partnership between the special schools in Somerset.

The shop is the culmination of long-term work with special schools to provide young people with employment experience.

It's the first of a series of outlets that will be popping up all over Somerset (Yeovil in April is next).

Taunton's Mayor, Councillor Catherine Herbert was on hand to cut the ribbon and officially open it last month.

The shop is open every weekday from 10.00 am to 2.30pm and Saturdays 9am to 5pm up to the end of term.



# It's time to use the portal—here's how

Are you a head teacher or a SENCO?

If so you should be aware the SEND Professional Portal is running.

It's a way of submitting forms electronically and from **7 January** it will be the only way to submit important paperwork for assessments and reviews.

## What paperwork is involved?

- Annual reviews
- Statutory requests for assessments
- SEN Support Reviews

There are some presentation sessions where you can find out more about how to use the portal and submit these forms.

These are all SEND Professional Portal(s) SENCO Forums and the dates/locations are:

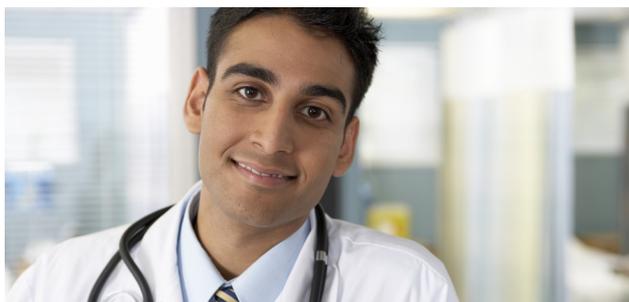
- High Ham Primary School – Thursday 22 November,
- Taunton Academy – Tuesday 27 November,
- Wadham School – Thursday 6 December,
- St Dunstan's Secondary School – Tuesday 11 December
- Minehead Middle School – Wednesday 23 January 2019.

Here's the link: [https://emsonline.somerset.gov.uk/ProfessionalPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login](https://emsonline.somerset.gov.uk/ProfessionalPortal_LIVE/Account/Login)

If you have a problem getting on to the site try pasting it into Internet Explorer.

If you haven't received the information please contact [JWyatt@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:JWyatt@somerset.gov.uk)

## Confusing medical terms



Confused about the names of conditions or medical terminology?

The community children's nursing services provide a useful resource aimed primarily at schools and nurseries signposting support tools.

A large directory of conditions, diseases and medical words are presented with guidance on what healthcare professionals may be involved.

It also gives pointers for extra support such as PIMS and useful websites.

It can be [found here](#):

