Welcome back Louise!
We are really pleased to welcome Louise back from maternity leave. She will be spending two days a week with ‘time to talk’ and a day a week working for the pre-school clinic team in Kenilworth.

‘time to talk’ SLTs
We are re-allocating centres in the Bedworth, Warwick and Leamington areas that Anna was looking after over the next few weeks. If you need any support, please do contact us.

Data form blooper!
Thank you to all of you who have submitted data. Unfortunately we made a mistake on the form which has meant that it wasn’t obvious that we needed you to record the children’s WellComm scores out of ten. Those of you affected are being contacted to ask for the missing numbers. We are updating the form so next time that you submit data, please use the corrected form from the website. Sorry about that!!

Enhanced Award
We have uploaded the requirements for the enhanced award on to the website (in the ‘Champions’ section).

Website & e-mails
If you need a reminder of the password, e-mail one of us and we’ll be happy to help. You should be receiving ‘time to talk’ e-mails through a new system. If you think we’ve been a bit quiet lately, get in touch and we can check that we have the correct details stored.

‘chatter matters week’
This year our theme was ‘chatter matters everywhere’ and we have been really impressed with all your ideas. See our website for some pictures that Champions have shared.

Achievements of 2014-15
We are delighted with everything that we have achieved together this year. Highlights have included:
- winning the Shine a Light Award for workforce development
- supporting our first settings using VERVE - this is a pioneering philosophy that we are very excited to be able to offer working with the Health Visiting team in shaping the integrated 2 – 2 1/2 year review
- expanding our reach to work with lots of new settings
- launching our website to help you in your roles as Champions our conference, showcasing all your great work and equipping you with new ideas for storytelling, using video and developing your environments launching our ‘chatter matters for nurseries’ training and resources
- keeping you up-to-date through cluster meetings, newsletters and Facebook celebrating another ‘chatter matters week’ in style with top tips being shared up and down the county
- lots of new resources including the long-awaited dummy leaflet, the abc book and new ‘chatter matters’ materials
- knitting the ‘time to talk’ blanket and sharing our strategic approach at the national ‘Talk To Your Baby’ Conference
- keeping going, and keeping you motivated to keep on supporting children’s communication.

Thank you to all of our Champions and Managers for all of your commitment and hard work.

The future... (well, 2015-16 anyway!)
You may have heard that we have had a scary few months when we thought that there was no funding to keep ‘time to talk’ going but thanks to the fabulous job that you do and the outcomes that you achieve for children we have managed to secure funding from both WCC and NHS to keep the team up and running. We don’t have quite as many sessions and we are having to focus our resources in a particular way so things may look a bit different BUT we are still here for you.

What’s new?
We need to keep in close contact with you but we may not be able to visit you as often as we would like so we are running more FREE cluster meetings in more locations to make it easier for you to attend. We will also be able to book time with a small number of you at the end of cluster meetings if you have specific areas of need for support. Attendance at clusters is very important for working effectively with ‘time to talk’. Attendance is essential for reaching and maintaining ‘enhanced’ status.

Training
We are offering slightly fewer sessions so you might need to travel a bit further and the cost has increased slightly. However, we do not make money on training so it is still excellent value. Don’t forget that sometimes whole setting training can be cheaper so do talk to us about that. The WCC summer term brochure will be out soon but we have put provisional dates on our website (subject to venues) so you can pencil them in. Don’t forget that you can book parent workshops and VERVE training too.