

SEND NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

Hello and welcome to our first ever Termly SEND Newsletter. We hope you find the contents useful and informative. As you may be aware, from the 11th to 29th September 2023 Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) undertook a three-week inspection of the local area partnership in Surrey to evaluate the effectiveness of these arrangements for children and young people with SEND. The report has now been published, and you can find the link [here](#).

INCLUSION TEAM



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COPING WITH CHRISTMAS

Christmas brings a change of routine for all children. It is an exciting time but can also bring with it anxiety. Young Minds have 10 tips for making Christmas easier and helping your child cope. The Wellbeing Advent calendar also from Young Minds is aimed at getting families having fun and talking with a collection of activities to help pass the time whilst children are away from school .



2 DYSLEXIA CORNER - RELUCTANT READERS

Children with dyslexia are often reluctant to read. When you consider a dyslexic person's cognitive profile, it's easy to understand why. Working memory weakness makes it harder to remember details in stories. Limited phonological awareness and a slower processing speed makes it tricky to decode unfamiliar words.

Barrington Stoke's books have shorter chunks of text making them appear less daunting and easier to remember. Written on off-white paper, they are visually appealing and cover a range of themes. Check them out at <https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/>

The Inclusion Team has a limited supply which can be borrowed.



3 IMPORTANT DATES

- National Braille Day- 4th January 2024
- Time to Talk- 1st February 2024
- Safer Internet Day- 7th February 2024
- Random Acts of Kindness Day- 17th February 2024

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ADVICE AND SUPPORT FROM SURREY

The Surrey SEND local offer page is full of information for both parents and professionals. It has hints and tips on the different areas of SEND as well as explaining the EHCP process, and aspects of SEND law and the Code of Practise. It also hosts up to date news from Surrey CC and recent articles.

Another great resource is SEND Advice Surrey. They are Surrey's Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SENDIAS) service. They provide information, advice and support to parents, carers and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25 years. The information, advice and support they provide is impartial, confidential, free and at an arm's length to the Local Authority.



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SEND COFFEE MORNINGS

We would like to thank you all for your on going support with the recent SEND coffee mornings. In our most recent workshop the OT came and presented a session on Sensory Support for parents. The slides can be found on our website. More information regarding next terms' coffee session will be provided in the New Year.

