



SEND at Shorne



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year at Shorne! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break and managed to enjoy the sunshine. I would also like to say a very warm welcome to the new parents and carers in Rabbits Class and hope that you and your child have settled into Shorne well.

This is our second issue of SEND at Shorne. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and find it useful and informative. We have some new and exciting SEND events taking place at Shorne this academic year which I look forward to sharing with you.

At Shorne, we ensure that we do everything possible to meet the needs of all pupils and break down barriers to learning in order to support specific learning needs. We provide inclusive classrooms alongside a broad and balanced curriculum to make sure we are bringing out the best in each and every one of our children. We have a SEND register on which children are placed if they require support above and beyond the already provided Quality First Teaching. Your views and opinions as parents are incredibly important to us so we always ask for parent's voice when it comes to a child's provision.

If at any point you have any queries or concerns about your child's learning, behaviour or social and emotional needs, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: senco@shorne.kent.sch.uk. Alternatively, please feel free to contact the school office on 01474 822312 to make an appointment to meet with me. No query is too small and no question is too silly. I will make it my best endeavour to support you in finding the right answer or taking the correct next steps in doing so.



**Special Educational
Needs & Disabilities**

SEND Coffee Mornings



I am pleased to announce that this year we are launching our brand new SEND Coffee Mornings at Shorne, and I really hope that many of you will be able to join us! Not only will we be sharing tea and coffee, but there will be information sharing, the opportunity to ask questions and the chance to network and support each other. Everyone is welcome and below are the dates for Terms 1 and 2:

- **Thursday 13th October**
9.00am - 11.00am
SEND Roadshow

- **Wednesday 7th December**
9.30am - 11.00am
SLCN (Speech, Language and Communication Needs)

Each term our themed coffee morning will be held in the school hall. To kickstart our new coffee mornings, we have an exciting visit from the Kent SEND Partnership and Engagement team, who have collaborated with IASK and Kent PACT to deliver a SEND Information Roadshow for families in Kent. They will be sharing the range of information, services and support for children with SEND, and their families, that is available across both Kent and the local area.

Our second coffee morning will be shared with our Speech and Language Therapist, who will provide you with an insight into the importance of identifying and supporting Speech and Language needs within children.

If you are interested in attending the SEND Roadshow Coffee Morning, please could you send me an email at senco@shorne.kent.sch.uk so that I can get an idea of numbers. This is in no way a commitment, so if you are unable to attend, or decide you would like to come at the last minute, that will be no problem at all.

Is Your Child Missing Out?

The school could be missing out on funding of up to £1300 per year to help further support your child!

Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Income-base Jobseekers allowance
- Child Tax Credit only, with income less than £16,190
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Asylum Seekers Support
- Universal Credit.

**Sign-up
today!**



What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is a grant given out to schools for each child, from a family on low income. The school uses it to plan and support learning opportunities for these children.



To apply online visit:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

or if you would like help with your application, please visit the office who will assist you.



Ifield Smile offer a variety of parent workshops and parent support forums. During Terms 1 and 2, the following courses are available for you to attend:

- Sleep Solutions - 4th October
- Explore and Improve Social Communication Skills - 6th October
- Basics for Behaviour - 12th October
- Family Advice Support group (We Are Beams) - 18th October and 15th November

If you are interested in any of these free workshops, call 01474 536924 to book your place or book online via the Ifield School Smile website. www.ifielddschool.com

Virtual Carers Group

open to families countrywide
starting 7pm Monday 31st October 2022

These sessions last 6 weeks and cover issues such as:
What is Autism?, Sensory, Anxiety, Stimming &
Masking, Education, Behaviour, and
Communication.

The total cost is £40 for 6 weeks.



**Please contact us if you
would like further information.**
tel:03000 110 300
email: admin@autismapprentice.co.uk



Kent Local Offer provides information to children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities, and their families, about support services that are available in our local area. Here in Kent, our Local Offer is called the SEND Information Hub. You can visit the website for support and advice about SEND, information regarding educational support, to join the parent and carer forums and see what voluntary organisations and charities have to offer for you and your child in our local area.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs>

www.iask.org.uk

What is an EHCP?

You may, or may not, have heard of the term EHCP (along with many other acronyms) in relation to SEND. I would like to share with you some information about EHCPs and the process involved.

- EHCP stands for Educational, Health and Care Plan and is written by Kent County Council.
- An EHCP is needed if, despite support already in place, your child is not making progress in their learning or development, or if progress is only due to a significant amount of support being required. It may also be needed if your child's needs can not be met in a mainstream educational setting.
- Before applying for an EHCP, an extensive amount of support goes in to meeting your child's needs in school, which may then extend to the support from external agencies and professionals.
- Information from external agencies supporting your child is contributed towards the final plan. Input is sourced from many professionals working with your child to ensure it is highly personalised and meets the needs of your child.
 - The EHCP process can take up to 20 weeks before a plan is finalised.
- An EHCP assessment request will not always result in an EHCP being issued for your child.
 - Parents and young people over the age of 16 can apply for an EHCP themselves.

You can find more information about the EHCP process in Kent by clicking the link below:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs/education-health-and-care-plans/education-and-health-care-plans>

If you have any questions or queries regarding EHCPs, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be more than happy to meet with you to talk about your child's needs in more detail.

Just to note.....Personalised Learning Plans

A Personalised Learning Plan is a support plan put in place by the school, written by class teachers and overseen by the SENCO. If a child is receiving support above and beyond Quality First Teaching (the standard class teaching) to support their additional learning needs, this provision is outlined on their plan, along with the smart targets they are working towards each term. Provision is reviewed three times a year to monitor if the intervention needs to continue and new targets are set. This plan is only shared between the school, parents, carers and children.





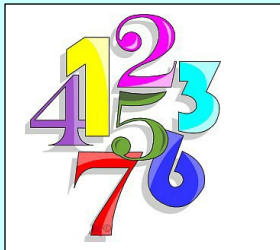
Dyslexia House Association

Dyslexia Houses is hosting a
Dyscalculia Talk at Cobham Hall
School on the 6th October at 7.30

Cobham Gravesend DA12 3BL

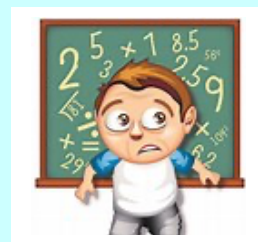
www.medwaydys.org

dyslexia.house@gmail.com



Nick Varley is a dyscalculia Assessor who is head of Math at Longfield Academy. His talk will be suitable for both parents and teachers.

Dyscalculia is a specific and persistent difficulty in understanding numbers which can lead to a diverse range of difficulties with mathematics. It will be unexpected in relation to age, level of education and experience and occurs across all ages and abilities.



We would like to invite you to join our Association. We welcome Parents, Adult Dyslexics, Teachers, Employers and anyone who has an interest in Dyslexia, dyspraxia or dyscalculia.

Any suggestions on ways we might be able help would be much appreciated.

Helpline Number 07939232537

Some useful websites:

National Autistic Society - www.autism.org.uk

Autism South East - <https://www.autismsoutheast.co.uk/>

Kent Autistic Trust - <https://www.kentautistictrust.org/>

Cygnets Parenting Support Programme (A parenting support programme for parents and carers of children and young people aged 5-18 with an autistic spectrum condition) - <https://barnardos-parenting.org.uk/cygnets-programme/>

Beams (We are Beams - Support, advice, activities and respite) - <https://wearebeams.org.uk>

ADHD Foundation - www.adhdfoundation.org.uk

Gravesham Children's Centre and Early Help - <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/early-help-support-for-families>

Witherslack Group - Parent and carers SEND support and webinars - <https://www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/how-can-we-help/parents-and-carers/our-support-for-you-and-your-child/webinars/>

Arts, Crafts and Games

We are starting to run some new clubs during lunchtimes and would be very grateful for any donations to support the clubs. We are looking for any arts and crafts bits and any games that you may no longer want. Any of these resources would be greatly appreciated, so if you are having a post summer clear out and are throwing things away, please think of us!

Thank you!

I would like to end this newsletter with a big thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. It really is much appreciated and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at senco@shorne.kent.sch.uk.

Mrs Doerr