

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Newsletter

Botley C of E Primary School



Upcoming dates

Parent/Carer coffee & chat
Botley All Saints Church at
2pm

Friday 20th September

BRAAIN Visiting
ADHD, Autism & Special
Needs Information
Network

Friday 22nd November
Anxiety

Nikki Shegold from Primary
Wellbeing Service Visiting

Important links

Information report
[Click here](#)

SEN Policy
[Click here](#)

SEND Support links
[Click here](#)

Hampshire Local Offer
[Click here](#)

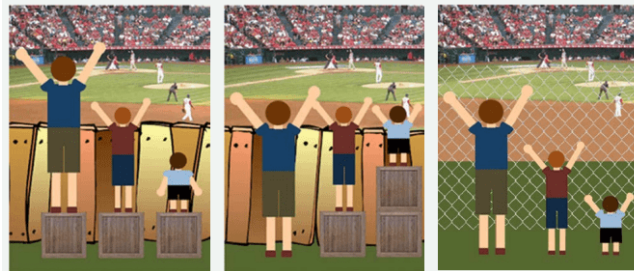


Welcome to Botley C of E Primary School's newsletter dedicated specifically for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

The summer holidays are nearly here! Fingers crossed better weather returns for us to enjoy over the summer.

In school, we have been busy working with all children and there has been lots going on to support children with additional needs. Mr Cooil ran a worship on Equality and Equity, in which the image below was discussed. It's a great image to explain why some children need additional support in school to allow them to succeed and the children were really receptive to this.

EQUALITY VERSUS EQUITY



In the first image, it is assumed that everyone will benefit from the same supports. They are being treated equally.

In the second image, individuals are given different supports to make it possible for them to have equal access to the game. They are being treated equitably.

In the third image, all three can see the game without any supports or accommodations because the cause of the inequity was addressed. The systemic barrier has been removed.

We also have an exciting new project starting in September called the **Autism in Schools Project**. This is a project run by Hampshire County Council to improve provision in school for children not only with autism but for children who are neurodiverse. Our feeder school, Deer Park, is also taking part in this project and they are a little ahead of us so for some of you with children already there you may have heard of this project!

As part of this project, we will be working with the charity **BRAAIN** (ADHD, Autism & Special Needs Information Network) and they will be running a coffee afternoon and zoom session as well as a questionnaire to gain feedback from parents. All your feedback is really important to us and with the help of BRAAIN we will use it to evolve our provision in school over the next year.

BRAAIN
Be Ready ADHD ASD Information Network



Transition

Transition for children has been very important over this last term and supporting children as they move into their different classes is extremely important to us. Some children can struggle with this change more than others and need additional time with teachers or in their new environment. Teachers and adults in school are also great at creating accidental bump ins to get to know children! We want all children to feel welcomed, excited and ready to learn for the new school year so if you do have any concerns, please come and see myself or the class teacher.

How can you help at home?

- Be honest and supportive of the process.
- Make the most of your holiday time to relax.
- Make some time to walk around and see the new classroom you will be collecting from.
- Be aware that your child may become anxious towards the start of term and this may come out in their behaviour. Try to highlight the positives like reuniting with friends, building new friendships and learning new topics.
- If there is a new walk or bus ride to school, have a practise run before term starts.
- Try not to ask lots of questions during the process but listen to their worries and reassure them.
- Have school items organised and a planned routine for the mornings.

Additional Needs Padlet



I'm excited to say that we now have an electronic noticeboard which I will continue to add to over the next school year. Currently it has the newsletters from this year, information on neurodiversity and support from Mrs Thomson, our Family Support Worker.

Mrs Thomson has recently sent out a list of ideas for surviving the school holidays! Please have a look as there are some great and free ideas.

[Click here to see the new Additional Needs Padlet.](#)

Helpful links and information

What we're looking at on social media:



@cbtted Information from Ted Bradshaw on mental health for adults & children.



Hampshire Parent Carer Network Parent support network for children with additional needs or disability. Join the Facebook group to hear about up and coming training or networking sessions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please come in and see us or send an email to myself or Mrs Thomson.
We wish you all an amazing summer holiday.

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