

# Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Newsletter

Botley C of E Primary School



## Upcoming dates

Parent/Carer coffee mornings  
At Botley All Saints Church  
2pm

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Year 6 Transition**  
Mrs MacDonald from Deer Park visiting

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
Surviving the school holidays!!

## Important links

Information report  
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SEN Policy  
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SEND Support links  
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Hampshire Local Offer  
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Welcome to Botley C of E Primary School's newsletter dedicated specifically for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

We are nearly at the next well deserved break for everyone!



This Friday marks the end of neurodiversity celebration week and although we haven't marked it this year due to a busy calendar, it is certainly something we are continually thinking about and working on in school. Earlier this term, I ran a worship with the children on recognising and celebrating difference. It was based on a lovely book called *The Perfect Fit*, which I will include below. We looked at how it might feel when we feel different or when we find something challenging and how we can support the people around us when they are feeling this way. Like the triangle at the end of the story; even though she wasn't exactly the same as everyone else, she still made a **perfect fit** with the other shapes!



We are all different and neurodiversity should be celebrated. It is important to recognise, that as a school and as parents, we can help to model this and talk it about it openly with our children so they are comfortable with their own differences and those of others. I look forward to presenting more neurodiversity awareness worships in the summer term.



## Coffee morning/afternoons



We had another successful coffee afternoon last Friday on anxiety and attendance with Mrs Thomson and Mrs Macdonald. Mrs Macdonald is head of additional needs at Deer Park Secondary School and it is great that she is able to offer her advice and support to us at Botley. She will be presenting again with Mrs Thomson at the next coffee morning on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**. The topic of this one will be **Year 6 Transition** so please put this in your diary and join them for a hot cuppa, great discussion and biscuits! Younger siblings are welcome.

Recently, Mrs Thomson produced a parent booklet that was sent out via email a few weeks ago. If you haven't seen it, I strongly recommend you have a look. It's a great reminder of some of the great things you are already doing for your children but also for some things to remember on the harder days of parenting.



## End of term assessments



At the end of each term, all children complete short assessments to help the teachers know their strengths and gaps in learning ready for the following term. Depending on the child's needs, they may be given different questions, extra time, a scribe or a quieter space to work. This is something that the children should not be concerned or worried about so please contact your classteacher, if you have any questions.

## Helpful links and information

**Barnardo's** has support specifically for neurodiverse families

<https://padlet.com/HIOWSupportforNeurodiverseFamilies/skills-building-programmes-for-parents-and-carers-kstwgg4ydyj38nio>

**Neurodiversity celebration week**

<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/>

**Hampshire parent courses on:**

- Understanding your child with additional needs (0-19 years)
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child/teenager
- <https://www.hants.gov.uk/solihullapproach>

**What we're looking at on social media:**



Dr Becky at Good Inside

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 a lovely Easter break.

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