



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Newsletter March 2024

Welcome to our first SEND newsletter: We are sending this out to all our Hartsfield parents so that they can find out more about SEND news in school. Even if you are thinking that SEND does not affect your child(ren) directly please read on, it could affect people in your wider family and your children's friends.

Celebrating our Strengths and Differences: National Neurodiversity Week March 18th-24th 2024

To celebrate National Neurodiversity week, children will have an assembly next Monday about celebrating our strengths and differences. Staff will show the children examples of famous people such as Maggie Aderin-Pocock (famous space scientist who is dyslexic,) Daniel Radcliff (Harry Potter actor who is dyspraxic) and Greta Thunberg (climate activist who has autism). Neurodiversity Celebration Week reminds us that whatever our differences, everyone has their own talents.

New books for all year groups reflecting diversity

We have purchased a selection of mainly story books for all year groups that reflect the many types of special needs or disabilities people may have. These books are included in the class reading shelves for your child(ren) to choose from, so expect to be seeing one of them at home soon. We also have some books about different conditions that parents might like to borrow, please contact Mrs Dearn to arrange a loan.



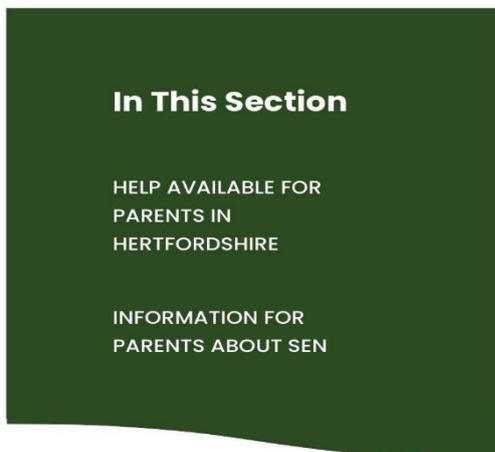
Parents Group Coffee Mornings

We have had two successful coffee mornings so far this year. This is a chance for parents of children with SEND (or those who are interested in SEND) to meet each other in person and offer mutual understanding. You are not alone!

Edukey

We are into our second term of introducing Edukey Provision Map as a way of storing and sharing SEND information with parents. All your child(ren)'s SEN information is stored on this platform- their Assess, Plan, Do, Review Learning Plans and any reports from outside professionals. If you have any questions or comments about this new system, please let any of the teachers, Mrs Dearn or Mrs Smith know. We value your feedback.

Information for parents on our web site



Did you know that there is information on our website about some aspects of SEND?

It is in the Teaching and Learning section under SEND. There are sections on neurodiversity, specific learning difficulties and speech language and communication.

Please look out too for fliers that may be of interest to you which are included in our school newsletter emails.

<https://www.hartsfield.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=SEND&pid=56>

We are here to help

If you would like to talk about any matters to do with SEND - perhaps you have questions or concerns- please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Kathryn Dearn our SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) either via the office or through her email: senco@hartsfield.herts.sch.uk