



## *Hartsfield Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Newsletter May 2024*

Welcome to our second 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.

### **New books for parents about SEND**

Please remember we have a small selection of books for parents about conditions such as ADHD or ASD which are available for parents to borrow- Please let us know if you would like to see what we have. Email Mrs Dearn or leave a message at the school office. If we haven't got what you want, we will try our best to find something to suit.

### **Parents Group Coffee Mornings**

**The next SEND coffee morning is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 9am- please look out for the posters.** 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.

### **Information for parents on courses and activities for children with SEN or disabilities**

Hertfordshire is divided into a series of smaller areas to support children with SEND in a local context. This is called "Developing Special Provision Locally" or DSPL. We are part of DSPL 1 (Baldock and the villages, Letchworth GC and Hitchin). This link will take you the DSPL website.

<https://tinyurl.com/DSPLnews>

Under the "Home" then "all training, workshops and events" section you can find information about local workshops (keep scrolling down!) such as SEND Musical



Theatre Workshops for those 7+ and Disney Movement Workshops for those 3+  
Some workshops are now booking up until December 2024!

There are also online workshops and groups for parents, many of which are free.  
Under the "Parent and Carer Workshops" section there are lots of courses  
about ASD/ ADHD at present.

There is also a link on the tool bar at the top to NESSie (North Herts Emotional  
Health in Schools Service) who provide (private) counselling and art therapies

### Questionnaire

Mrs Smith will be inviting all parents of pupils with SEN to complete a  
questionnaire about SEN provision after half term- please watch out for this.  
We thank you in advance for your responses- we use these to inform our future  
practice. Please also let us know how you are getting on with using Edukey-  
especially any problems you might have.

### Transition to new classes for September 2024

We all understand that transitions can be difficult for our SEN pupils. Our  
teachers have extensive meetings with the new teachers and discuss the  
strengths and needs of each child. If you would like, especially if your child has  
complex needs, you can book a meeting with both the old and new teachers  
together next half term to contribute your thoughts to what could help your  
child to make the transition. For Year 6, we will speak to the SENCO and/or the  
Year 7 year leader at your child's new school and parents can contact the new  
school to ask for a meeting too if you would like.

### 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](mailto:senco@hartsfield.herts.sch.uk)

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