## Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School SEND Newsletter - October 2024



# SEND NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our first SEND newsletter! In it, you will find some updates regarding SEND at Langley, as well as some information from Wiltshire Council. I hope that you find it useful, and I look forward to sharing more information and ideas throughout the year.

It has been lovely to see the children in their classrooms and settling well into the new school year, into new learning and new routines.

This term, as part of my SENCO role I have been meeting with staff to discuss children on our SEND register and the planned interventions to support children. We have also started the recruitment process so that I am able to transition the role of SENCO to a new member of the team. Once we have completed this, I will be pleased to introduce our new SENCO to you.

If you have any questions about SEND at Langley Fitzurse, please do ask. The SENCO email is senco@lfssq.wilts.sch.uk . Please remember that talking to you child's class teacher is the first step in raising any concerns.

Karen Winterburn

#### ELSA – emotional literacy support assistant.

Emotional and pastoral support for our children is key. If our children are not feeling secure and emotionally ready, they may find it difficult to focus on the academic learning. Last year, we ran programmes such as Lego Therapy, Garden of Dreams and introduced Feeling Boards across the school. We are very pleased to share that

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this year we are training one of our team to be an ELSA. This is an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. Whilst we will not be running sessions just yet, we will be able to share more information in subsequent newsletters.

#### **SEND** events this October

Come along and hear about the latest developments including additional SEND school places, the <u>five-year plan for SEND and</u>

<u>Alternative Provision</u> and how it will be implemented. It's also an opportunity for you to share your experiences and have your say, so that we can discuss how we can continue to work together. The events are:



Event:	Date:	Time:	Location:
Monkton Park	Thursday 10 October	110am – 11am	Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 1ER

The online session is on Tuesday 8 October, 6pm – 7pm via this Teams link:

https://teams.microsoft.com
Find out more about the SEND events

### Inspection of Local Area arrangements for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/ or Disabilities (SEND) in Wiltshire

An OfSTED/CQC Area SEND inspection has been announced. This is a three-week inspection which focuses on the effectiveness of local area arrangements for children and young people with SEND in Wiltshire. Inspectors' activities in the first two weeks are carried out remotely and then they will be on-site for the third week.

Surveys seeking feedback from parent carers, practitioners, children and young people can be found here:

- For parents <u>Parent/Carer Survey (smartsurvey.co.uk)</u>
   Easy read version <u>Parent/Carer Survey (Easy Read) (smartsurvey.co.uk)</u>
- For children and young people with SEND Children and Young People Survey (smartsurvey.co.uk)

#### **School Nurse Workshops**

Our School Nurse has offered to run various workshops for parents. We hope that from Term 3 onwards and may be around the following areas: emotional (behaviour), sleep, and diet. Our School Nurse is however happy to be flexible needs of our school and parent community, therefore we will be sending survey to gauge the support parents would appreciate and ask for an interest. We would also like to ask you when the best time for these be held would be. Please look out for this survey through ParentMail. In the meantime, our school nurse has shared that for any child specific

these will run wellbeing and meet the out a short expression of sessions to

issues such as

toileting, parents can call the school nursing team on 0300 2470 090 to get advice from the duty nurse Monday to Friday 9-5.

#### **FACL - Families and Community Learning**

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You may have noticed your inbox 'pinging' with courses that are being run by the FACL. Family and Community Learning includes a range of online and community-based courses designed to help people of different ages and backgrounds to:

- Gain a new skill
- Reconnect with learning
- Prepare to progress to formal courses
- Learn how to support their children better

At Langley we will continue to share courses available but for more information please follow the following links:

https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/

https://www.facebook.com/Wiltsfamilylearning

#### **Celebrating Neurodiversity!**



Neurodiversity is about realising that we are all different and that this is no bad thing; some of us have different needs than others and just need some help, support and understanding to thrive in school. On recent training, SENCOs were introduced to NeuroWild, an artist who makes beautiful and simple images to help people understand about neurodiversity so that they can better support others. In each newsletter this year, we will include one of these images which are powerful and thought provoking.

#### **SEN Register, IEP's and Meetings**

Sometimes, we need additional support and external experts to best support some children. When this level of support is needed, discussion with parents/caregivers, we will place our SEN register. This just means that this person is going to have as much support as help them thrive.

If your child is on the SEN register, we will learning Plan for your child, which identifies:



advice from

after this child on young possible to

create a any areas

where your child needs additional support which **is different from or additional to** the universal classroom provision; how they feel about their learning; how the teacher feels about their learning and progress; and how you, the parent/caregiver, feels about their progress and learning. We will meet with you to set and review targets three times a year, in addition to parents' evenings. The aim of these targets is to set achievable goals to help your child. Staff are currently discussing possible targets and will meet with parents to set these later this term. After this, you will have meetings in Terms 3 and 6 to review them.

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The SEN register isn't just a list of children with a diagnosis, medical need or disability; it is for those children who need support above and beyond our classroom provision and so, if your child has made significant progress and their needs are being met by our classroom provision, they will be taken off the register. Before this happens, we will meet with you to agree this.

#### **School Provision Map**

We are in the process of creating a school provision map detailing what we offer at Langley Fitzurse to support children. This will include interventions which are considered as 'universal or OPAL – Ordinarily Available Provision for All Learners' which can support all our children together, and the support which is different from or additional to that normally available to pupils of the same age. Further information about OPAL can be found on the Wiltshire SEN Offer Page OPAL Introduction - Local Offer (wiltshire.gov.uk)