

# SEN Newsletter Autumn 2021

## Welcome to a new school year!



Saying goodbye to Year 6

The end of the Summer Term saw lots of sad goodbyes to our amazing Year 6 pupils as they move on to new schools. We had an SEND Celebration Party where children across the academy were able to share memories of Forest Bubble, Special Forest School, Little Lunch, PGL and THRIVE. We are so proud of the children we are sending on to Year 7 and we will miss them all!

Despite a difficult year, we have been able to support all our children with extra transition to meet their teachers, see their classrooms and take photos for Social Stories to look at through the holiday. We even managed to visit a Secondary School for the morning with a group of children!

This year, with a return to 'normal' (if we can remember that!) we will hit the ground running with our interventions and look forward to welcoming all outside agencies into school to support our children. We will also be able to return to face to face meetings!

Our plans include Special Forest School sessions, aqua therapy, Sensory Circuits, a range of THRIVE sessions - ASD awareness Day and a school trip.

#### THRIVE

With Mental Health and the Well being of our children in the forefront of our minds, this model reminds us that not everything is as it seems.

Behaviour is communication.

Our THRIVE team continue to work with huge success with many individuals and groups of children in school.



## Getting in touch...

If you are concerned that your child may have additional needs, speak to their class teacher. The class teacher will pass this on to the SENCo and/or THRIVE team where necessary.

## Useful SEND Websites

#### ASD

www.autism.org.uk/ www.autism.org.uk/about/family-life/parents-carers.aspx

#### **ADHD**

www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/information/parents/

#### Dyslexia

www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/advice/children/how-can-i-support-my-child www.understood.org/en/school-learning/learning-at-home/homework-study-skills/8-working-memory-boosters

Free audio stories -

stories.audible.com/start-listen

## Motor Coordination Disorder/Dyspraxia

www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/ www.movementmattersuk.org

## Dyscalculia

www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/dyslexia/neurodiversity-and-co-occurringdifferences/dyscalculia-and-maths-difficulties

## Speech and Language

www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/

www.speechandlanguage.info/parents www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk www.speechandlanguagekids.com/free-speech-language-resources

## Social, Emotional and Mental Health

**ELSA**—www.elsa-support.co.uk/category/free-resources/ - supports emotions, social skills, bereavement, therapeutic stories, anger management, self-esteem and friendships

**The Contented Child**— Facebook, page—resources linked to supporting your child's wellbeing, How big is my worry?, My feelings Iceberg, My Wellbeing Jar.

Young Minds - www.youngminds.org.uk

BoingBoing - www.boingboing.org.uk