

SEND NEWSLETTER

Sandal Primary School

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With another half term just around the corner, I hope you are all looking forward to some time with your families. For most children, the holidays are exciting and welcomed but for some, it means a change in their schedule, noisy visitors and an increase in social expectations. For children with Autism (ASD), the holidays can be an anxious and stressful time but with some preparation and planning, the holidays can be an enjoyable time for all involved.

I hope you all have a relaxing half term, creating memories with your children as much as you can.

If you have any enquiries related to SEND, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Miss Sperduto, SENCO

Training in School:

- Miss Bates and Mrs Foster have now attended the 2 day course on the BUSS model, which means we have 4 staff across school trained in this approach. It is a model that aims to build underdeveloped sensorimotor systems, especially effective for children who have experienced developmental trauma. For more information, please visit: <https://bussmodel.org/>
- All Teaching Assistants in school have had some updated training on Precision Teaching. It is a structured teaching method that's designed to improve the accuracy and fluency of reading and spelling, for pupils who are experiencing difficulties with phonics. Mrs Sorren has kindly made a precision teaching pack for all classes to use. This will enable staff to identify the gaps for specific children who would benefit from this approach. Precision teaching is classed as an additional provision therefore you would be informed if your child was accessing this extra support. For an introductory explanation of Precision Teaching, please visit: <https://www.leedsforlearning.co.uk/Article/98210>

Diary dates:

These are national dates aimed to raise awareness of specific types of SEND.

- 2nd April– World Autism Awareness Day
- 13-19th May– Mental Health Awareness Week
- 15th May– 15th June– Tourette's Awareness Month
- 20-26th May– Walk to School Week
- 1st June– International Children's Day
- 17-23rd June– Learning Disability Week
- 19th June– National 'Thank a Teacher' Day
- 1-7th July– Dyspraxia week



Summer term SEND reviews:

If your child is on our school SEND register for any reason other than medical, you have the opportunity for attending a termly SEND review with Miss Sperduto and your child's class teacher. These will be the last ones for this academic year and will therefore be face to face appointments in school. It is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress, provision and support they have received during this last term. We will also be able to discuss transition for your child as we will be asking new class teachers to also attend if available. Further information regarding dates and how to book an appointment for the parents this applies to, will be sent out during the 1st week of Summer 2 half term. Please check your emails for the letter.

"The best gift you can give a child with special needs, is your friendship. To include them, play with them and believe in them. Friends uplift the soul."
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SENDIASS– Who are they? What do they do?

Are you looking for information, advice or support about matters relating to Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities? Bradford SENDIASS stands for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service.

Bradford SENDIASS is for parents and carers of children and young people 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in the Bradford area. The staff help parents and children to work together with schools and the local authority so that they have a good understanding of what support is needed and to make sure that it is put in place. They can also offer support around health and social care needs in relation to SEND.

Their contact information is:

BradfordSENDIASS@barnardos.org.uk

[01274 513300](tel:01274 513300)

For more information please visit:

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/services/bradford-sendiass>



Mind in Bradford– Who are they? What do they do?

Mind in Bradford was set up more than 30 years ago by a group of people who were looking for more mental health and wellbeing support. The organisation is still an independent charity which relies on its own resources to provide award-winning local services to people in Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven. Their purpose is to make the best possible difference to the mental health and wellbeing of the greatest number of people. It is a 'warp around' service that aims to support pupils and families, whilst they are waiting to be seen by CAMHS. They can provide;

- Early intervention and support and advice
- Support for people in crisis
- And help people to recover and sustain improved well-being

Referrals to their services, can be made through an online form on their website: <https://www.mindinbradford.org.uk/>

News from the Government

At the beginning of May, the government announced that they were providing funding for 16 new schools, for children with special educational needs and disabilities. These new schools will provide 2000 new places for children who are struggling to access mainstream education for varying reasons. This is a step in the right direction to ensure a quality education is accessed by all children in England.

The image shows the proposed locations of the new schools.



"It shouldn't matter how slowly some children learn, as long as we are encouraging them not to stop."
 Robert John Meehan