



Rosherville Church of England Academy



*At Rosherville we embrace the Christian ethos, within a nurturing environment where everyone can 'ASPIRE, BELIEVE and*

## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Newsletter

Spring 2023

If you have any concerns about SEND matters or simply need a chat please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at email: [macfarlanet@rosherville.kent.sch.uk](mailto:macfarlanet@rosherville.kent.sch.uk), tel: 01474 365 266 or I am usually in school either AM or PM on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Kind regards

Tracy Macfarlane, SENDCo

### Speech and Language update

The NHS Extended Schools Service (ESS) was a service that had been available to schools in North Kent to provide speech and language support. As a school we had been able to buy in sessions from an NHS Speech and Language Therapist to support us in identifying and supporting children with speech, language and communication needs.

Due to reduced capacity within the team they are no longer able to offer this and sadly the service was closed down at the end of December 2022. We are currently seeking alternative arrangements but will continue to provide speech and language interventions for children within school. This will however no longer be under the guidance of a qualified Speech and Language Therapist. If you have any concerns about this please get in touch.

You can access useful information, advice and video clips about supporting speech, language and communication skills on the Children's Therapies webpage:

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/>

## Children's Mental Health Week 2023



Place2Be launched the first-ever Children's Mental Health Week in 2015 to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health.

Now in its ninth year, they hope to encourage more people than ever to get involved, spread the word, and raise vital funds for children's mental health.

This year's theme is 'Let's Connect'

From 6-12 February 2023 Rosherville will be joining other schools, families and communities across the UK taking part in Children's Mental Health Week.

For further information and free resources as well as parenting advice please visit:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

## Support for families

### Family Advice Support Group - Beams

We are Beams will be running a Family Advice Support Group at Ifield Smile

10.00am – 12 noon

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023

This support group is led by our Family Advice Team at Beams and is for parent and carers of children with disabilities – everyone welcome.

To book a place, please telephone 01474 536924 and request a booking form. On booking, an email and contact telephone number must be given. Booking forms are also available on the Ifield website  
[www.ifieldschool.com](http://www.ifieldschool.com)

## Parent courses and workshops at Ifield SMILE in Gravesend.





#### PARENTS TRAINING COURSES - 2022 - 2023

Term	Course Title	Date	Proposed Time	Trainer(s)
TERM 1	Sleep solutions	4th October 2022	09.30am - 12.30pm	Helen
TERM 1	Explore and Improve Social Communication Skills	6th October 2022	9.30am - 11.30am	Julie Hawkins
TERM 1	Basics for Behaviour	12th October 2022	09.30am - 11.30am	Jason Owen
TERM 3	Starting the Autism Journey	1st February 2023	09.30 - 12.00 noon	Helen Cottage
TERM 3	Autism in Early years - 5 sessions	22nd February 2023	09.30 - 12.00 noon	Early Years Teacher
TERM 3	Autism in Early years - 5 sessions	1st March 2023	09.30 - 12.00 noon	Early Years Teacher
TERM 3	Understanding Dyslexia	2nd March 2023	9.30am to 11.30pm	Ruth Cubitt
TERM 3	Autism in Early years - 5 sessions	15th March 2023	09.30 - 12.00 noon	Early Years Teacher
TERM 3	Anxiety and Autism	16th March 2023	09.30am - 12.30pm	Helen Cottage
TERM 3	Autism in Early years - 5 sessions	19th April 2023	09.30 - 12.00 noon	Early Years Teacher
Term 3	Autism in Early years - 5 sessions	2nd May 2023	09.30am - 12.00 noon	Early Years Teacher
TERM 6	Autistic Girls - exploring difference	8th June 2023	9.30am to 2.30pm	Claire Noordally

Further details can be found here:

[https://www.ifield.kent.sch.uk/\\_site/data/files/users/27/72C8E81792AC1B172B5FC271694F051D.pdf](https://www.ifield.kent.sch.uk/_site/data/files/users/27/72C8E81792AC1B172B5FC271694F051D.pdf)

## OTHER PARENT SUPPORT INFORMATION

<https://www.autismsoutheast.co.uk/info/local-services-organisations/> a great source of information and events supporting autistic adults, children and their families.

<https://wearebeams.org.uk/> for information for parents and carers to help them make the best choices for their child.

<https://adhd.foundation.org.uk/> for people who live with ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia and Tourette's syndrome.

<https://www.ifieldschool.com/page/?title=SMILE&pid=11> for information and advice on understanding autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia, language and communication difficulties, Downs syndrome and behaviour management.

[www.kelsi.org.uk/special-education-needs/special-educational-needs](http://www.kelsi.org.uk/special-education-needs/special-educational-needs) for KCC information, advice and support for families with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), aged 0-25.

[www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/](http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/) for details on resources and links for physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech and language from the NHS.

[www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/counselling-and-emotional-health/](http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/counselling-and-emotional-health/) for mental health and well-being services from the NHS.