

SEN Newsletter

October 2024



welcome

We have already finished the first half term of the new school year! Hopefully all the children have settled into their new classes and are getting to grips with the routines.



Reviewing SEN support plans

Parents evenings have taken place and you should have been offered a separate meeting with teachers to review SEN support plans. If you would like to discuss anything with me following the reviews please contact the office or email sendco@whitchurch.bucks.sch.uk.

SEN local offer

Information about Special Educational Needs and support that is available in the local area can be found here

<https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/send/>

The NHS Children and Young People's Services website also has lots of information especially about speech and language and occupational therapy. You can also find links to webinars.

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Spotlight on resources



Brick therapy is an innovative intervention designed to promote social skills and emotional development in children. Through collaborative play, participants take on specific roles—builder, supplier, and engineer—each contributing to the construction project. This approach fosters vital skills such as turn-taking, where children learn to wait for their turn and share responsibilities. Eye contact, when appropriate, enhances communication, while active listening is required to follow and give instructions effectively.

Problem-solving is integral as children must navigate design challenges together, reflecting on their understanding and checking for clarity. Additionally, it encourages peer interaction, as teamwork is essential for success. The environment supports the development of both verbal and non-verbal communication skills, facilitating opportunities for asking questions and seeking help. Overall, Lego therapy is a

dynamic and engaging method for enhancing interpersonal skills and emotional intelligence among children.



iSEND Support Line

Information for Families

We are pleased to announce the opening of the iSEND Support line .



The line has been developed to make it easier for you to make contact with the iSEND teams and is open to parents and carers of any child or young person with a SEND need. Your call will be answered by a Specialist Teacher, an EHC Co-ordinator (EHCCo) or an Educational Psychologist.

We look forward to talking to you!

What does this service offer for parents and carers?

- Single point of contact with Buckinghamshire iSEND Education Teams
- Special, Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), information, advice and signposting.
- Guidance on using the Buckinghamshire Local Offer

When can I contact?

The phone line is open Monday to Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm term time and reduced hours during the holiday periods. We are also open from 4pm until 6pm on Tuesdays.

How do I make contact?

Phone 01296 382135

