



SEN and Inclusion Newsletter



Canterbury Road Primary School

Welcome to our Spring Inclusion Team newsletter! It's hard to believe that we are already nearing the end of term 4, but it's lovely to see some spring sunshine at last. We hope you all have a lovely spring break.

The Inclusion Team

Coffee Morning Feedback

We will be holding our second inclusion coffee morning on the morning of Monday 19th May at 9am in The Willows. Our focus this time will be on 'What is an EHCP?'. We will talk about what an EHCP is, who they are for and aim to answer any questions you may have surrounding how this may work in school.....we will also provide yummy cake and biscuits! At the end of the last coffee morning we sent out a questionnaire to collate your ideas about anything you would like us to address for our next gathering. Please find the link attached if there is a particular topic you would like us to cover, <https://forms.office.com/e/xYfENxZQ31>



Speech, Language and the Power of Reading

We are very fortunate to have a speech and language therapist attached to our school. Zoe Swayne (SLT) sends us monthly newsletters providing useful information which we would like to share with you.

Books, Books, Books!

Young children get much of their exposure of new words through having books read to them. Reading for pleasure, and being read to, are essential parts of vocabulary development. When reading books to children, explore the pictures (for younger children), link these to the words in the story. Consider alternatives to the words which have been used in the story to expand upon their vocabulary knowledge. By the time a child is 5 years old, they are exposed to the following number of words through books:

Never read to: 4,662 words	1-2 times per week: 63,570 words
3-5 times per week: 169,520 words	Read daily: 296,660 words
Read five books a day: 1,483,300 words	

Check out our Website for helpful ideas and links:

<https://www.canterbury-road.kent.sch.uk/about-our-school/send>



Mrs Christie's Well-Being Wonders

As the sun shines and the holidays approach, it's always great to spend time outside for both our own and Our children's wellbeing. Here are my top tips for enjoying the Spring sunshine with your child.

- Have a picnic outside in the garden or at the park
- Visit a local woodland and look out for catkins, pretty wood anemones or pungent wild garlic.

Try Cromer's Wood - <https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/cromers-wood>

- Walk round your neighbourhood and spot blossom.
- Can you find bright yellow forsythia, majestic magnolia or beautiful cherry blossom?

- Sit quietly outside and listen to the birds singing.
- Make a crafty spring lamb. There are loads of simple ideas online but my favourite one is this:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HLRIRAnYhA>

- Do a springtime scavenger hunt. **Pick one up this week from the school office.**



MIDAS CENTRE

The MIDAS Centre, based at Meadowfields School, offer courses for parents at a charge of £5 per workshop, including refreshments. These courses are run by specialist teachers who have a wealth of knowledge and are very supported. Visit to book:

<https://www.meadowfield.kent.sch.uk/midas-and-stls/parent-courses-and-bookings-2/>

Course Name	Date	Time
Success On The Spectrum	25 th April, 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th and 23 rd May	9:45- 12:45
Sleep Support	12 th May 2025	18:00 – 20:30
Attachment	13 th May 2025	09:45 – 12:45