

KENNINGTONS SEND NEWS

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What is SEND? A pupil has Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND) if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.



Message from Mrs Thomas (SENDCO)

As most of you who have met me will know, I am very passionate about supporting your children to overcome their barriers to learning.

I was pleased to be able to attend so many parent appointments last term and have enjoyed meeting many of you throughout the year when we have discussed your child's needs and progress.

One of our aims is to continue to build positive relationships with parents of children with SEND. With this in mind, our coffee afternoon was a great success. I am in the process of planning a summer term opportunity and I will let you know what I have in mind when the plans

What has been happening to improve SEND provision in school?

You will have received a copy of your child's pupil profile with this newsletter today. Please notice that we have changed when your child's progress is reviewed and when these are sent to you.

We have decided that these will be sent to you two weeks in from the start of each term rather than at the ½ term. We are hoping that this will help you to know the outcomes we are focussing on earlier each term. This means that some children will have not had a progress review for Autumn term as Spring 2 was a very short half term so we decided to make the changes then. If you have any questions about your child's pupil profile, please ask your child's teacher or get in touch with me. We will be happy to explain.

Parent Views Survey

Your views are important to us. I will be sending out our annual parent views survey next week via parent mail. Please try to find the time to share your views as we really do listen. They help us to know what our priorities are for the following year.



Did you know?

Anne Hegerty has autism. She was diagnosed as an adult. It is reported that she experiences sensory issues and struggles with loud noises when she is tired or stressed. HOWEVER...Although she finds coping with daily chores tiring, she doesn't let her autism get in the way of her life and she has become a professional quizzing personality and a famous TV personality.

What do I do if I am worried about my child's needs?

If you have a concern about your child, please arrange to talk to us. Your child's class teacher is your first point of contact and can be contacted by calling the school office or emailing enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk often a friendly chat can reassure you about your worries. I am also happy to speak to you about your child's needs and can be contacted in the same way.