

St Mary's SEND NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 3rd February 2023

From the SEND Team

Welcome to our first edition of the St Mary's SEND Newsletter.

This idea for this newsletter was raised at our last SEND Parent Discussion Group meeting. We are very grateful to those of you who have attended our meetings to add your voice to the future of SEND at St Mary's.

We hope to regularly inform you of events happening locally that might be of interest and if you have any ideas of contributions for the future, please send them to one of the SENCOs.

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SEND Parent Discussion Group

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 1st March at 9:15am** on our Middle Site on Strafford Road. Please look out for further information and sign up details next week.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Register

Please find out more about the local authority's central SEND register on the link below.

Everyone on the register will benefit from:

- Information about support, services, activities and events
- Information aimed at young people with disabilities
- Opportunities to have your say about the services that are important to you
- The knowledge that your anonymous statistical data is helping us to plan and improve services

You can register if you have a child on the SEN Register and you live in Richmond or Kingston.

https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/localoffer/information-and-advice/socialcare/special-educational-needs-anddisability-register

RISE: Activities for children with SEND

RISE provides a range of activities for children and young people such as canoeing, Fusion dance, RISE to Shine swimming, football and multisports.

https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/sp orts/disability sports and activites/rise a ctivities for children

SENsational Saturday Club

Marble Hill Playcentres run monthly free sessions at the Adventure Playground for children with disabilities or additional needs.



The next events Saturday 4th Feb and Saturday 4th March from 10-11:45am. <u>https://marblehillplaycentres.com/sensati</u> onal-saturday-club/

Skylarks Events



Local SEN Charity, Skylarks, are running horse-riding sessions for children with additional needs at half term. They are booking up quickly. Follow this link to find out more and about all the wonderful things available through Skylarks.

https://www.skylarks.charity/whats-on

ADHD Embrace



ADHD Embrace run excellent webinars and other events for parents and carers of children with ADHD:

How much screen time is enough? Managing screen time dependency in your child with ADHD

7th March from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM Noel Janis Norton, Founder and director of Calmer, Easier, Happier Parenting. <u>Book now</u>

Dyslexia and co-occurrence with ADHD 28th March from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM Eryn Caddick, Specialist Assessor, SENCo and Teacher at Dyslexia Assessment. Surbiton Book now

All Aboard Club



The All Aboard Club is back this weekend! What you'll find if you come along

- An, understanding, inclusive and supportive approach
- Knowledgeable staff and volunteers
- Boxes and boxes of trains to play with and awesome track layout
- SUTTON (Saturday 10.00-11.30): https://aac-sutton.eventbrite.co.uk
- WEYBRIDGE (Saturday 2.00-3.30): <u>https://aac-weybridge.eventbrite.co.uk</u>
- WOKING (Sunday 11.00-12.30): <u>https://aacwokinglightbox.eventbrite.co</u> <u>.uk</u>
- BRENTFORD (Sunday 3.00-4.30): <u>https://aac-kew.eventbrite.co.uk</u>

OFSTED Parentview

We would love to hear more from the voices of parents of children with SEND on the Parentview questionnaire. https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/

Yours sincerely

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