

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Newsletter

St Vincent de Paul School

Welcome to our spring term newsletter about Special Educational Needs. There's also information about mental health and wellbeing. If there is anything you would like included in future newsletters, please drop me a line at mcurry@stvincent.herts.sch.uk.



DSPL is a Hertfordshire-wide partnership approach where parents, carers, staff in early years settings and schools, further education colleges, local authority officers and representatives from other agencies, work together as part of an Area Group, to ensure that there is a range of provision and support services available in their local community.

St Vincent de Paul is part of DSPL 2. The website is frequently updated with information for parents/carers and professionals and can be found at www.stevenagedspl.org.uk.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our school website has a page dedicated to SEND:

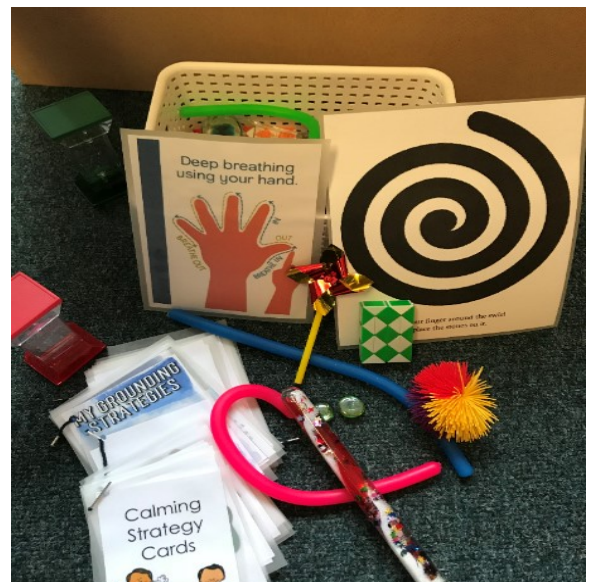
<https://www.stvincent.herts.sch.uk/os-send.html>

On here you will find the school SEND policy, information report and guide for parents.

They will be reviewed in the summer term ready for September. The documents are for parents—if you would like to help review these so they are parent friendly, please let Mrs Curry know.

Self care Toolkit

During Wellbeing Week in January, each class received a selfcare toolkit for all children to use as a support for their emotions.





This is the parents carer forum for Hertfordshire.

Their focus is on listening to parent carers and speaking up for families with SEND.

You can join the free parent carer network online at www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk or by phoning 07840 360245



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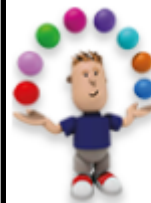
Hertfordshire's SEND Local Offer is your one-stop shop for information, support, services and activities available for children and young people with special educational needs, and their families.

The Local Offer has been created by parents and professionals and can be found at <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsoft/local-offer/the-hertfordshire-local-offer.aspx>



This website had a range of fun, simple, fun activities for kids, from newborn to five which help to get them ready for school.

ADD-Vance is a Hertfordshire based charity who support families and professionals involved in the care of children with autism, ADHD and related conditions.



ADD-vance
The ADD-vance ADHD and Autism Trust

Contactline

01992 588574 (Wed 2pm—4.30pm)

A 'quick queries service for parents, carers and young people (16-26) in Hertfordshire.

Please call if you would like to speak directly to an Educational Psychologist to discuss a child or young person's development, learning or emotional wellbeing, or to find out more about the service.



The Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapy Service

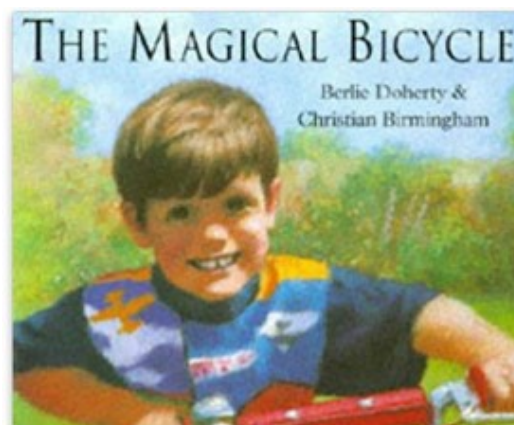
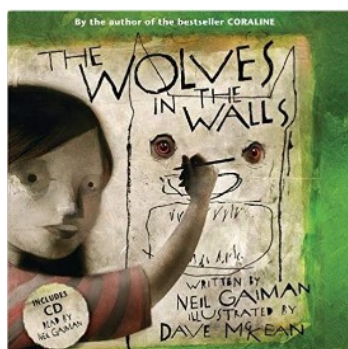
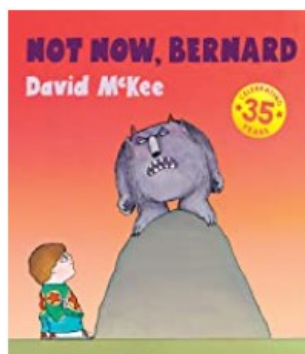
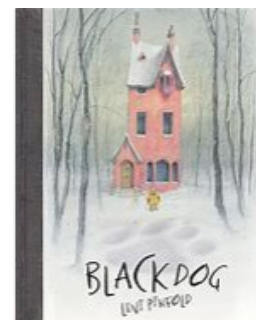
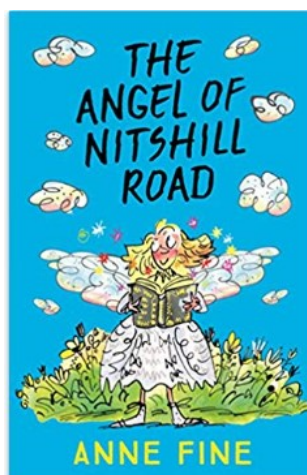
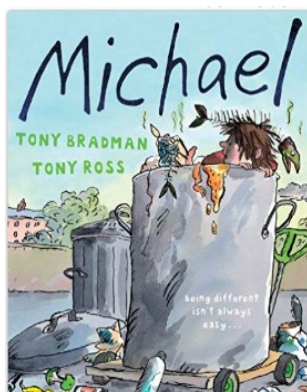
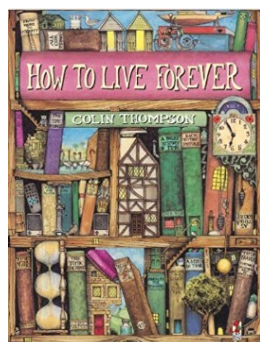
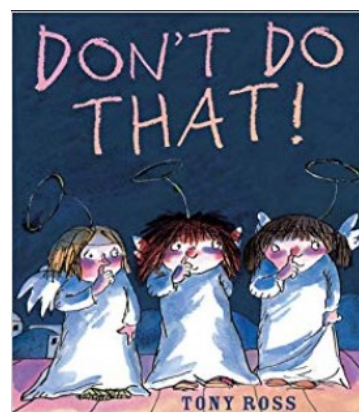
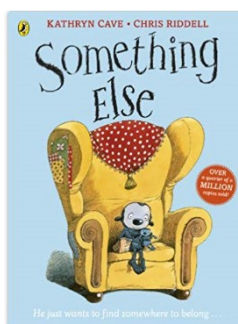
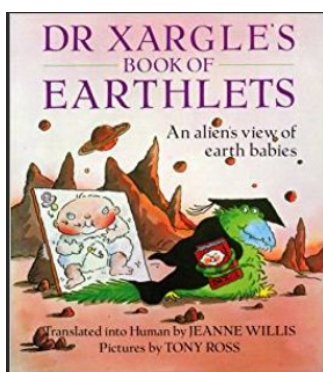
The Children and Young People's (CYP) Speech and Language Therapy service offers a child and family-centred approach to support CYP with speech, language, communication needs (SLCN) and those with eating and drinking difficulties in Hertfordshire.

Their website is: www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-speech-and-language-therapy/. The timetable for the drop in clinics for children aged 2 years 6 months to Reception age can also be found here.

There is also telephone number which parents, carers and professionals can call to speak to a therapist about a new referral or child's development. You can leave a message on 01992 823093 and a therapist will contact you.

Stories to support wellbeing

Books are a powerful way to talk to children about their emotions.



School Nursing Service

The School Nursing Service works together with children and young people their parents/carers and school staff, to provide a comprehensive efficient and accessible service which:

- Helps children keep healthy during their school days and for the rest of their lives
- Prevents ill health in children and the local community
- Supports children with medical needs and those needing medication
- Ensures that educational potential is not hampered by unmet health needs
- Monitors and supports families in relation to

Hertfordshire Safeguarding Policies

They have a useful website for children and parents: <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk>



Parent Network in partnership with Families in Focus CIC support parents caring for children with special educational needs.

Their support and information groups warmly welcome parents of children with any kind of additional needs or disability, undiagnosed, awaiting assessment or diagnosed.

Stevenage Network: The Phoenix Centre, The Hyde, Stevenage, SG2 9SE

Thursday 26th March 9.30—11.30

For more information, contact Lesley or Francine on 01442 219720 or info@familiesinfocus.co.uk www.familiesinfocus.co.uk



Stand-by-me is a charity for children who have been bereaved. It offers information, advice and support to help children, young people and their families living in North Hertfordshire & Stevenage understand and manage their grief.

<http://www.stand-by-me.org.uk>