

# Wendover CE Junior School

## SEND Half-termly Newsletter: 15 September 2023

*Through living our Christian values, everyone at WCEJS has the opportunity to flourish.  
We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.*

***Building solid foundations (Matthew 7:24)***



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# SEND news at WCEJS

**Diagnoses / Assessment reports:** I have received a lot of diagnosis reports and assessment reports lately. I will work through them as quickly as possible.

**SEND Support Plans:** Teachers have now forwarded targets for children and we are busy allocating appropriate interventions or support for them. We will be able to send you the new SEND Support Plans in the next week or two.

**Nurture Group:** We are starting a new group in Year 3, for children who need some additional support with anxiety, self-esteem, communication or regulating their emotions. A small group of children will spend two mornings a week developing these skills, whilst also following their Maths and English curriculum in a fun, more play-based way.

**Additional Literacy Support:** Mrs Corns, one of our teachers, is developing our dyslexia provision and also offering more support with spelling, handwriting and phonics.

# Hello from the SEND Team - the SENDCo

The SENDCo is **Mrs Jenny Bartlett**. I am also one of the school's two Assistant Headteachers and the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

I am not based in a class or year group and work with children and staff across the whole school. I co-ordinate the provision of SEND support across the school.

I am supported by a team of four Lead Learning Support Assistants (Lead LSAs) and eighteen Learning Support Assistants (LSAs). This sounds like a lot of people, but not everyone works full-time.

Contact me at: [admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk](mailto:admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk)

# The SEND Team – the Lead LSA team

The four LLSAs are:

**Mrs Nikki Weeks-Pearson** – Pastoral Support Lead. Mrs Weeks-Pearson supports children 1:1 with social, emotional and mental health issues. She runs our Young Carers Group, which meets on Tuesday afternoons. She is also the school's Attendance Officer.

**Miss Clare Doman** – Lead LSA for autistic and ADHD children. She is also working on extending and embedding our work on the zones of regulation and emotional self-regulation.

**Mrs Mindy Taylor** – Lead LSA for Speech, Language and Communication. Mrs Taylor runs two English as an Additional Language Groups and a range of Language Link interventions for children.

**Mrs Charlotte Brister** – Lead LSA for Cognition and Learning. This is a new role, to support children with general and specific learning difficulties. This year, she is introducing Dynamo Maths, a new intervention for children with difficulties with Maths.

# The SEND Team - the LSA team in Year 3 and 4

3W- Mrs McHardy-Jones' class – Mrs Becky Williams, Mrs Hayley Burton, Miss Pippa Hall, Mrs Ria Austin

3J – Mr Dixon's class – Mrs Emma Salmon, Mrs Hayley Burton, Mrs Becky Williams, Mrs Ria Austin

3S – Mrs West & Mrs Beck's class – Miss Pippa Hall, Mrs Hayley Burton, Mrs Becky Williams, Mrs Ria Austin

All Year 3 classes are also supported by Mrs Nikki Weeks-Pearson

4W – Mr Slade's class – Mrs Sali German

4J – Mrs Simpson's class

4S – Mrs Beale's class – Mr Robert Irvine

All Year 4 classes are also supported by Mrs Charlotte Brister

# The SEND Team - the LSA team in Year 5 and 6

5W – Mrs Edwards’ class – **Miss Jade Buckingham, Mrs Jemma Elliot**

5J – Mr Newnes’ class – **Mrs Jemma Elliot, Mr Robert Irvine**

5S- Mrs Khan’s class – **Mrs Sally Barrett, Miss Nic Jarrott**

All Year 5 classes are also supported by **Miss Clare Doman**

6W – Mrs Amjad’s class – **Miss Kate Abbott, Mrs Daisy Cooper**

6J – Miss Davidson’s class – **Mrs Sam Bishop, Miss Ashley McLure, Miss Jade Buckingham**

6S – Mr Kirk’s class – **Mrs Sandeep Kaur, Miss Kate Abbott, Mrs Daisy Cooper**

All Year 6 classes are also supported by **Mrs Mindy Taylor**.

# Additional Literacy Support

Mrs Emma Corns, one of our teachers, is developing our dyslexia provision and also offering more support with spelling, handwriting and phonics.

She will be offering the children who use the Nessy application some more adult-led support, leading a handwriting intervention called Write from the Start and introducing some additional interventions in other aspects of English.

She is hoping to run some support groups for spelling and other aspects of writing.



# Service Support (RAF)

**Mrs Ria Austin** is our Service Support Assistant. In addition to her work in classrooms, she works 1:1 with all RAF children, increasing support around times of difficulty, e.g. deployment, social and emotional issues.

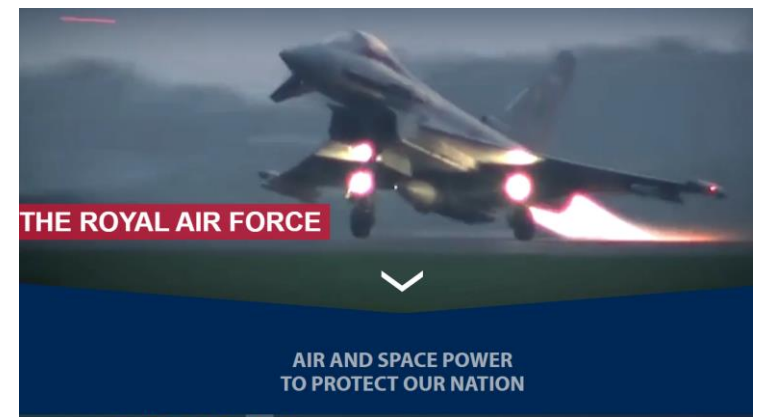
She also runs regular lunches for groups of service children and other events, e.g. the Year 6 wellbeing course, Little Troopers events and craft sessions, where children make items to send to family members who they don't see very often.

RAF Coffee morning dates:

- **Thursday 28 September 2023 8:50 to 9:30**

*Please note that this date has changed and has now been combined with the SEND event.*

- Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 9:00



# SEND Review meetings

We have now completed the round of SEND Review meetings for Summer Term.

We offer a termly meeting with the SENDCo, in addition to the termly meeting with the class teacher.

Dates for SEND Review Meetings 2023/2024:

- Monday 27th November 2023 to Friday 1st December 2023
- Monday 18th March to Monday 22nd March 2024
- Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July 2024

We will be able to offer places at SEND Review meetings via the 'school cloud:' this is the same system that parents currently use to book Parents' Evening Consultations. This will mean that parents will be able to choose their own time slots.

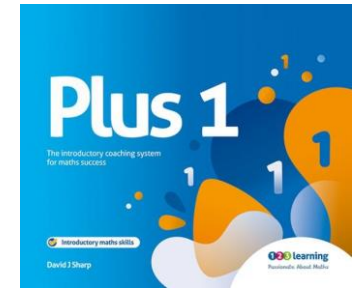
# SEND Support Plans

All children with SEND have an individualised SEND Support Plan. The plans describe the support offered to the children. These are issued and reviewed termly.

Summer Term 2023 Plans have been reviewed and were either handed out at SEND Review meetings or will be sent home soon. Your copy of the SEND Review meeting report will also be sent home with your child. If your child has been doing the Nessy intervention, you would also have received a report on the progress they have made.

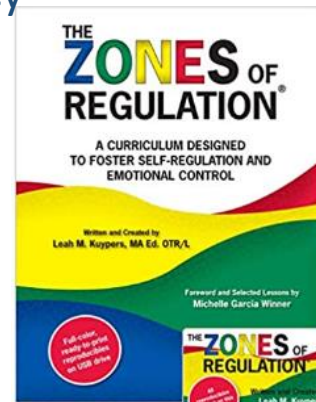
SEND Support Plans are live documents and often change as the children's needs change. You will be sent a copy of the plan for Autumn Term 2023 in Autumn Term.

# How we support children with SEND



We aim to support children in classrooms as much as possible, so that they benefit from contact with the teacher and the other children. Therefore, we only take children out of class for a small range of interventions or support activities. For example, you might find that your child comes out for one or more of the following:

- Nessy – a computer package that teaches / practises phonics skills for reading and spelling. Several times a week. 1:1 per computer, but may be carried out in a group
- Plus 1 or Power of 2 – 1:1 with an adult. Frequent practice of basic and intermediate maths skills.
- Pre-teach vocabulary – a small group who learn vocabulary before the rest of the class and work on meanings and spellings
- 1:1 reading with an adult – frequent reading practice with an adult to build confidence and fluency
- Language Link - weekly small-group sessions of focused language activities
- A social skills group – a group of children who focus on a particular skill. Perhaps once a week
- The Zones of regulation – 1:1 or small group work on understanding and managing feelings



# Meet the SEND team – events coming soon

If you would like to meet some of us in person, we will be holding **Meet the SEND Team** events on:

- **Thursday 28 September 2023 8:50 to 9:30**

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- **Thursday 2nd November 2023 at 2:30 – 3:00**

This will be an informal chat with SEND and Service Support team staff.

Please let us know if you would like to attend this event: send an email to [admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk](mailto:admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk).

The event will last for about half an hour. Tea / coffee and biscuits will be provided.