

Alverton School

SEND Newsletter

Summer 2016



"The things that make me different are the things that make me, me" – Winnie The Pooh

Hello, my name is Mrs Hughes and from September I will be taking over from Mrs Burlton as SENDCO. (Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator). Mrs Burlton has been guiding me through the school procedures and has been sharing her vast knowledge with me which has helped the transition enormously. She will also continue working in school, one day a week, to support some families and children.

This year I have been completing the National Award for SENDCO which has given me a valuable insight into the role so I am really looking forward to starting in the Autumn term.

I am a class teacher in Owls (Yr.1/2) four days a week. Due to my teaching commitment, I am setting up a new system for booking an appointment to see me so I can be as productive with my time as possible.

If there is a query about your child, please see your child's class teacher first. If you then need to see me, please pop into the office to fill in a simple form where you can note down your questions or concerns so that an appointment can be made for you. This will allow me to be fully prepared for our meeting.

I will have time set aside for SEN on Thursdays. In addition to this, I will be available for 'drop-in' meetings on Mondays after school.

Thank you and I look forward to the Autumn term.



This term we welcome back Mrs Clemens who has been coordinating our trained pastoral team and implementing the Thrive Project, which is a programme to help improve children's emotional and social development.

Teachers and TAs have recently received Dyslexia training led by a Dyslexia Advisor. We have all found this very interesting and informative and it has helped us understand how pupils who may have Dyslexic tendencies can build on their strengths and be successful learners.

On our school website you can find our local offer which will inform you of the range of SEND provision in our school.

SEN reviews will be held in November, dates to follow.

"By being yourself you put something wonderful in the world that was not there before." –

Edwin Elliott

Useful websites:

British Dyslexia Association <http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/>

Information on dyscalculia <http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/dyslexic/dyscalculia>

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