

South Ascot Village School

SEN newsletter

December 2024

Dear parents

Welcome to the first SEN newsletter! The purpose of these newsletters is to keep everyone up-to-date with everything that is going on in school and the wider community and how we aim to ensure that neurodivergent children are able to access daily life at SAVS.

Coffee mornings

On the last Friday of each month we will be hosting an SEN coffee morning in the coffee shop of All Souls Church. It will be a chance for parents and carers to get together, chat about life with a neurodivergent child, listen to guest speakers, learn more about how we can support our children and, most importantly, have a voice.

January 31st 10-12pm

February 28th 10-12pm

March 28th 10-12pm

April 25th 10-12pm

More information about guest speakers to follow - including our Educational Psychologist, IAS (the independent advisory service) and many others. Please do let me know if there is anyone that you would particularly like to meet/listen to. C.kelly@southascotvillageschool.org.uk

SEN drop-ins

I am going to trial having a set time 8:45-9:15 on various Tuesday's / Wednesday's, for parents to book a 15-minute slot. It is an opportunity for you

to discuss your child and any concerns that you might have or any advice that you would like. I will put a sign-up sheet in the reception area along with the dates that I am able to do. Please feel free to sign up - you will not need to let the office know first - I will keep a daily check on it. We will meet in the front room off the reception area.

GEMS

What GEMS provide:

- ✚ Interactive workshops, courses, and animations are available on weekdays and evenings.
- ✚ Home visits and support sessions are available depending on circumstances.
- ✚ Virtual coffee mornings, that provide parents and carers with the opportunity to chat with others that understand and can relate to your experiences.
- ✚ Social activities for children aged 5 to 10 years.
- ✚ Signposting to alternative national and local services.



GEMS
National ADHD Support Centre
East Berkshire



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Ages 5 to 10

First and third Monday of the month - 4pm to 5pm

6th January 2025 - Make a bookmark and read a story! - Online
20th January - Talent Show- Bracknell
3rd February - Big on Bouncing - Slough- Small Fee Applicable
17th February - Disney Quiz - Online
3rd March - Sensory Bus - Windsor
17th March - Park Play - Maidenhead

*Please note activities may be subject to change

Registration:
Gems.4Health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria:
Children with or likely to have
ADHD and/or autism and
living in East Berkshire



For more information: Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.com

ADHD course - A 3-week course

HOSTED BY PARENTING SPECIAL CHILDREN

Session 1: Provides and insight into what ADHD is. Learn about the challenges and concerns often raised. Explore strengths and opportunities related to ADHD.

Session 2: Learn to understand children's anxiety and how this relates to ADHD

Session 3: Gain an understanding of attention deficit behaviours and how to manage these.

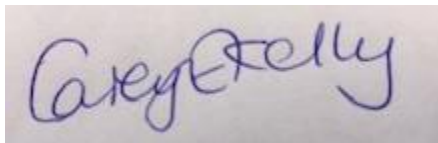
For Parents & carers of children aged 3 and over, primary & secondary school aged children.

Online:

Thursday 16th, 23rd & 30th January 2025. 7-9pm

For more information: www.gemsforhealth.com

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Term starts on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**

A photograph of a handwritten signature in blue ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Carey Kelly" in a cursive script.

Mrs Carey Kelly

SENCo / Deputy Headteacher