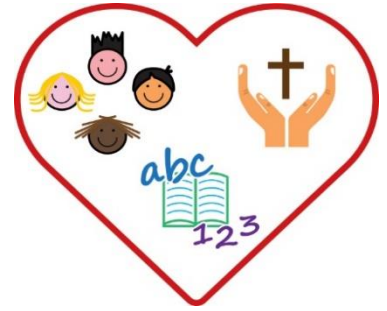


St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."



01/09/21

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the summer holiday – it seems a distant memory already!

Following the SEND questionnaire I sent out in the Summer Term, I realise that although some of you know me very well, some of you are not sure who I am. This letter will be the first of one at least each half term to let you know what is happening and how you can contact me.

I have been a teacher at St Matthew's for 28 years – I may well have taught some of you if you attended the school when you were a child. I have been SENDCO for at least 16 years here – it is a role that I enjoy as I love meeting many parents and working together to achieve the best outcome for all children. I work closely with all teachers and teaching assistants and we discuss the best ways of supporting your children.

My email address is tracy.young@cidari.co.uk – if you send me your email, I will endeavor to send these letters by email if you prefer and any resources that may be helpful.

A child or young person has SEND if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them. Your child has been identified as having additional needs in at least one of the following areas:

Communication and Interaction

Cognition and Learning

Social, Emotional and Mental Health

Sensory and/or physical difficulties

Some children may need more support than the intervention programmes we have in place – please speak to the class teacher first to see what additional support is in place for your child. Their IEP, which you get a copy of, also identifies the support given.

We sometimes need to carry out a detailed assessment by the SEND Specialist Teacher, Penny Hunter, if a child is not making expected progress – we will always ask for your written consent to do this. Advice is given and support implemented and again, we monitor progress. We also have an Independent

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Speech and Language Therapist, Louise Laycock, who advises staff and parents in supporting communication and language skills.

If there is still a concern, we will hold regular meetings with parents and discuss the strengths and needs of the child. We will find out more about how he/she is doing at home and get a better parental point of view. There can be referrals to other agencies at any point in the assessment of needs. These can include referrals to: speech and language service, school nurse, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, Child Action North-West and Child and Family Well-being Service.

If concerns persist, we will refer to our link Educational Psychologist (EP) or Early Years EP as some children may require the support of an Educational, Health and Care Plan.

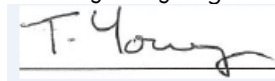
Your child should already have an IDL user name and password (younger children may not have this) – this is an online resource to help reading, spelling and maths skills. Ask your child's teacher if for details.

Most children also have Numbots, Purple Mash and Times Tables Rock Stars passwords – these are on the school's website in the Children section, under Our Learning Zone.

There are SEND resources in the key Information, SEND, Home Learning Resources section.

If there is anything you need help with, please email me at school or ring the office and ask to speak to me.

Yours faithfully,



Miss Tracy Young



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