



STLS Newsletter

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2022/2023 academic year.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the newest member of our team - Judith Goodrich who is now our Cognition and Learning Specialist Teacher.

Judith has a wealth of experience and for the past 8 years has been a SENCO in a large mainstream secondary school. She has worked with a variety of needs including support for children with SEMH who were out of the school system. Judith is definitely the 'go to person' for SpLD. We hope you will welcome her warmly.

There have been a few changes within the team this year. Gillian Newport, District Lead, will also be Manager of the Specialist Nursery Intervention - Caterpillars. This means Emma Harrison, Deputy District Lead will be taking on more of the district role responsibilities. Please feel free to contact us both about any queries or requests and one of us will respond.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOLIHULL APPROACH

Training for Primary and Secondary Inclusion Leaders, SENCOs, Wellbeing Leads and Family Liaison Officers only.

We have 7 funded places available.

The dates for this training are on **17th November** and **1st December**. It is essential to attend both days.

9.00am-4.00pm.

Seasalter Christian Centre, Faversham Road, Whitstable, CT5 4AX

Refreshments and lunch available.

Please contact Emma Harrison: e.harrison@stns.org.uk

COMMUNITY CLOTHES BANK

AUTUMN 2022 POP UP EVENTS - MENS, KIDS & WOMENS CLOTHES AND SHOES

Are you struggling to afford the clothes and shoes that you need?
We're here to support you with free clothes available at our events below:

9.30AM -12.30PM
Wednesday 14th September
Wednesday 12th October
Wednesday 9th November
Wednesday 14th December

all in the main hall at
**Whitstable Umbrella Community
Centre, 10 Oxford Street, CT5 1DD**

Contact us at communityclothesbank.org.uk or on
facebook and IG - Community Clothes Bank

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[CLICK HERE FOR
FURTHER DETAILS](#)

Community Clothes Bank

What We Do

We're a Community Clothes Bank providing free clothes to those that need them.

We hate waste and love seeing good quality preloved clothes going where they're needed most.

We support those who are financially struggling: from growing families to refugees, people who have been seriously ill, or those escaping domestic violence. We also help like-minded charities and organisations, social and keyworkers. But there are always more that need our help.

We're currently raising money for essential clothing items, storage facilities and running costs.

How can you help?

- Donate good quality, clean clothes and shoes. Follow our social media @communityclothesbank for details of our donation drop off sessions.
- Visit our JustGiving page to donate (find it through our social links)
- Like and follow our social media channels! @communityclothesbank
- Join our brilliant team of gorgeous volunteers :)
- Come along to our fundraisers! Our next sale is Sat Nov 19 :)

Promoting Inclusion

Don't forget to sign up for the Nurture UK projects, an ideal opportunity to develop nurture programmes and receive professional support.

Book your 'in-school review' - a chance to discuss with the whole team any Inclusion issues, cohorts of children who need support, development of inclusive practices within your school or explore training options. The meeting is led by you and an opportunity to talk with other professionals.

Year 7 Project - The Yr 7 project will be going ahead in term 2. This will be a chance to discuss and review the needs of your Yr 7 co-hort. It will be attended by Social Emotional and Mental Health, Communication and Interaction and Cognition and Learning Specialist Teachers

We will be issuing a range of dates for you to sign up to and publishing them in due course.

Training

All of our training courses and schedule can be found via the STLS section of the St Nicholas website: [CLICK HERE](#)

ELKLAN - 3 day course - 11th Oct, 7th Nov & 5th Dec - lunch provided - Free but if attendees wish to do a level 2 or 3 accreditation, a cost of £150 pp will be invoiced - booking/enquiries: stls@stns.org.uk

ECT TRAINING - 3 day course - 9th, 10th & 11th January - Free - for details please see our course information on the link above.



Coming
Soon

LIFT ADVICE

- ◆ A maximum of 3 referrals per LIFT.
- ◆ Parental consent must be sent with the referral form.
- ◆ If sending documents via Egress please send to: m.rapley@stns.org.uk
- ◆ Referrals sent directly can be sent to: lift@stns.org.uk
- ◆ Please note that the deadlines for LIFT paperwork is on the schedule that has been emailed out and is available on the STLS tab of the St Nicholas website.
- ◆ [WEBSITE LINK HERE](#)

Maximising the Practice of Teaching Assistants

This training course is based on the book, The Teaching Assistant's Guide to Effective Interaction: How to Maximise your Practice. The course focus is:

- Research and guidance on the complementary roles of TAs and teachers
- Scaffolding as a framework for developing pupil independence
- Reflecting on practice and developing specific scaffolding strategies
- Making an effective contribution to assessment for learning
- Next steps: putting the strategies into action

This training has the maximum impact in the schools where the leadership team has also made wider changes to TAs' deployment and preparation. By implementing the recommendations, TAs and teachers are better positioned to make the most of the new knowledge and skills they will gain through the MPTA training.

Dates to be confirmed.

Speech & Language Therapy Advisory Slots for terms 1 & 2.

If you wish to book some time within one of the slots please email Sam Morgan, Team Lead to request this sam.morgan@nhs.net

We require the following information to ensure that the appropriate amount of time is allocated:

- * Reason for request
- * Interventions in place and impact
- * Who will be attending
- * Email address if requesting a video meeting – Sam will send you a Microsoft Teams invitation once the slot is confirmed.

Bookings will be made on a first come basis so please book early if you would like to book a meeting.

Full details can be found on the schools tab here: [ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)



Sensory Differences in the Early Years 4th October from 10-2pm

Attention Autism 15th and 29th November from 9.30 -4pm; PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE & you MUST be able to commit to attending both days for the entire day. If you have children to collect please make alternative arrangements for those days.

Our booking form for training can be found [HERE](#) on the St Nicholas School website along with the training schedule and brochure. All bookings and queries to be sent to: STLS@STNS.ORG.UK

Reception Class Project

After the success of this project last year Sue & Ali are arranging dates to meet with schools to discuss their new reception cohort.

If you don't have one in your diary and would like to take advantage of this opportunity. Please contact Sue to arrange a date: S.FISHER@STNS.ORG.UK

SENIF Update

Following feedback from settings around completing the SENIF request form several changes have been made to the process to make things easier. These can be found under latest news on the SENIF page on KELSI (link below). Training will be updated to reflect these changes and dates for this published soon.

[CLICK HERE FOR LINK](#)

Continuing in 2022-23

We are still available for **coffee mornings** and In-nursery reviews.

EarlyBird - the team will continue to work through the waiting lists this year by offering a mixture of on-line and face to face courses. Parents should contact kcht.thanetadmin@nhs.net or complete the self-referral form to be put on the waiting list.

You may be eligible for free CORE training for a KP/SENCo for children in receipt of SENIF

Free training!

Support speaking and understanding language needs in early years settings

Introductory:

7 Sep / 4 Oct

Advanced:

15 & 29 Sep / 5 & 19 Oct



Sue's Book Corner

Please let us know of any good books and resources that we could share via this newsletter.

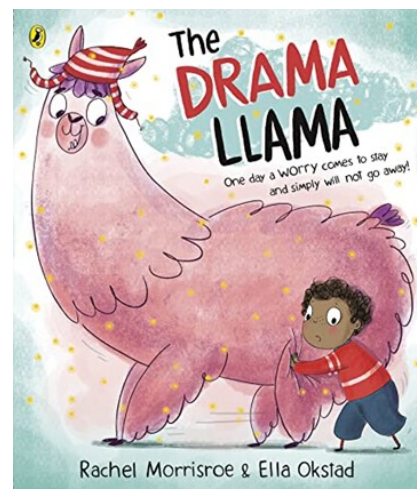


A mother tells her two children that they're all connected by an invisible string. "That's impossible!" the children insist, but still they want to know more: "What kind of string?" The answer is the simple truth that binds us all: An Invisible String made of love. Even though you can't see it with your eyes, you can feel it deep in your heart, and know that you are always connected to the ones you love.

These books are suitable for children starting school and in reception class.

Alex Allen, like lots of children, sometimes worried about things - like dancing badly or getting an answer wrong in class. But unlike lots of children, every time he worries a real-life llama appears! And the more Alex worries, the bigger Llama grows... which starts getting him into all sorts of trouble!

Will Alex ever learn how to control his worries and get rid of this pesky llama?



Virtual Carers Group

open to families countrywide
starting 7pm Monday 31st October 2022

These sessions last 6 weeks and cover issues such as:
What is Autism?, Sensory, Anxiety, Stimming &
Masking, Education, Behaviour, and
Communication.

The total cost is £40 for 6 weeks.



Please contact us if you
would like further information.
tel: 03000 110 300
email: admin@autismapprentice.co.uk

EY FORUM dates

28th September – General Updates and
Awareness Raising about the Curiosity
Programme.

Venue - Canterbury Academy - 9.30am

21st Nov - Content TBC.