# **SEN NEWSLETTER**

Autumn Term 2022 Half term 2

# **Online Safety**

Plenty of children enjoy playing games and watching content online. However, it can be challenging to keep track of what they are viewing and who they are in contact with. This is especially difficult for children with SEND, who often have a limited awareness of online dangers and how to minimise risks.

The NSPCC have produced several safety tips, advice and activities for children with SEND and their families which can be accessed by following the link below:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-childrensafe/online-safety/online-safety-familieschildren-with-send/

The website includes really helpful visual guides for children on talking to people online (dos and don'ts), sharing personal information and forming friendships.

Attached to this newsletter is a visual guide for parents on how to support your child with potential cyberbullying in gaming. More of the resources are also **available on our school website** under the SEND page.

# Talking to people online



# **Christmas support**

Sensory Integration Educations has created a FREE Christmas Sensory survival kit to help those experiencing sensory integration or sensory processing differences better manage the sensory challenges of the season. In the guide are tips on:

- Going out and about
- Christmas activities
- Taking time out
- Eating and cooking
- Decorating
- Socialising and celebrations
- Christmas traditions
- Present giving and receiving plus more!

The kit is **available on our school website** under the SEND page.



#### What's on?

There are plenty of exciting Christmas events taking place in the local area over the next few weeks. Sometimes, these can be overwhelming and over stimulating for children with SEND. Luckily, there are now lots of charities and companies that recognize this and are offering SEN specific sessions for children that may otherwise struggle.

Below is some information of Christmas events that cater specifically for children with SEND:



# Quiet Session for Santa Visits

We will be offering a quiet session between 11 till 12, with no flashing lights or music for Autistic and other SEN children that would prefer a more quiet experience with Santa.

This has limited availability and must be booked in advance.

Please note that as Santa's grotto is on the first floor there will be some steps to climb.

To book please email info@derehamwindmill.co.uk





# What's on (cont.)

There are also some family support and SEN specific events taking place in December and beyond. Below are some details of what is taking place and how you can get involved:

# WHAT'S ON?

2022

#### MONDAY 5TH

Wroxham Autistic Adult Social Group 13:00-15:00 Wroxham Library, NR12 8RX Free Event

#### TUESDAY 6TH

Parent/ Carer Coffee Morning 10:00-12:00 ASD Helping Hands, NR19 1FD Free Event

#### WEDNESDAY 7TH

THURSDAY

8TH

Norwich Autistic Adult Social Group 13:00-15:00 Shoebox Community Hub NR1 3DH Free Event





9TH



10TH

Dereham Family Support Group 10:00-12:00 Toftwood Scout Hut, NR19 1PU £5.00 per Family

SUNDAY 11TH

For further information on any of our events please visit www.asdhelpinghands.org.uk or email us at contact@asdhelpinghands.org.uk

All groups held at Norfolk Libraries are run by the Library themselves. For more information on these groups please contact them directly.



AUTISM PARTNERSHIP



# SAVE THE DATE

# Annual Conference Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023

John Innes Centre, Norwich NR4 7UH

Find out about all things SEND from

- information stands
- workshops
- face-to-face meetings with professionals
- keynote speaker



Find out more at www.familyvoice.org.uk

- FamilyVoiceNorfolk
- @familyvoicenfk







#### Could your child or young person with SEND help us write good questions for the annual SEND survey?

We are running a participation event with a pizza lunch for children and young people with SEND to help us design the next SEND survey.



#### Sat 3rd December 2022 (\$\square{1}\)10.30am-2pm Margaret English room, County Hall

10.30am Welcome and refreshments

11am Fun activity

11.15am Introducing the survey

11.30am Thinking about questions we should ask you

12.15pm Pizza lunch and social time 1pm Helping us write good questions

1.30pm Thinking about what would help you give your views

1.45pm Fun activity

2pm End



If you would like your child or young person to attend this event, please register through Eventbrite using the QR code