Severndale Star

SEVERNDALE SPECIALIST ACADEMY | NEWSLETTER 15.09.2023

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE
MICHELLE HILL

Dear Families,

We have had a super time at Severndale this week! There have been lots of individual achievements from our amazing pupils and we are all very proud. It's our first full week back and the classrooms are bursting with exciting activities. Our updated curriculum is well underway, and you'll hear more about this from Laurence in this newsletter.

This week's newsletter has some important updates from three of our Assistant Principals.

EHCPs

My colleague Ceri Cusack is leading on EHCPs and Annual Reviews this year.

Ceri wants to share the following update with you:

"We understand that there is frustration around the quality of EHCP reviews and, as an Academy, we are actively working on improving and simplifying the process as much as we can within statutory guidelines. All EHCP reviews will take place face-to-face unless a parent or carer requests a virtual meeting. To improve the quality of the EHCP review, we have a designated EHCP Suite and new procedures where I will facilitate and oversee all EHCPs. You may notice a change in documentation sent home; this is to ensure a full 360 around your child or young person and it ties-in with sections of the EHCP which are reviewed at the meeting. We are working alongside Karen Levell (SEN Service Manager, Shropshire Council) to improve the quality and overall outcomes for our children and young people."

Invitation to 'Meet the Team' Event

Please read the separate letter from my colleague Amy Schofield inviting you to join us for our 'Meet the Team' event on Tuesday 26th September from 15:45-16:45 where tea, coffee and cakes will be available with donations welcome to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer support.

This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet class teams and socialise with other parents and carers as we serve refreshments altogether in the hall. Following this, parents and carers will have the opportunity to visit your young person's department and classroom.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you!

Curriculum Update

The Severndale curriculum is clear in its intent and the purpose is to ensure that our young people leave Severndale being able to function effectively in life beyond school and become confident, independent individuals with the ability to communicate effectively. The way this appears and is manifested for our young people will vary depending on the needs of each individual.

Our curriculum is differentiated according to the level of need of our young people and we operate three distinct 'pedagogical approaches'. These are called pathways and ensure that we see learning and experiences as a path made of incremental steps and development that allow our pupils to achieve their potential and the aspirations of themselves and those closest to them.

Our pupils are in traditional cohorts of Key Stages. This means that pupils are able to develop age-appropriate relationships and the curriculum follows elements of the national curriculum with exciting and engaging topics.

EYFS and Foundation	Key Stage 2	Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4	Key Stage 5
• For pupils in Nursery up to Year 2	• For pupils in years 3 - 6	• For pupils in Year 7 to Year 9	• For pupils in Year 10 to Year 11	• For Post 16 pupils

One change this year is the introduction of the EYFS and Foundation Stage. We recognise that our youngest learners may not be ready to access formalised pathways and benefit from an Early Years approach to learning for a greater period of time compared to their mainstream peers. This means that pupils can experience Key Stage 1 elements of the curriculum but with an Early Years approach focused on child centred learning and learning through play.

Pathway 1	Pathway 2	Pathway 3
• This was known as our pre-formal phase. This is for our pupils who have complex and profound learning difficulties. The curriculum delivers learning through valuable sensory and tactile experiences, that aim to broaden pupils understanding of themselves and the world around them.	• This was known as our semi-formal phase. This is for our pupils who have complex and severe learning difficulties. The curriculum delivers learning through structured child and teacher led activities with a variety of approaches so pupils experience learning in different engaging ways.	• This was known as our formal phase. This is for our pupils who have severe and moderate learning difficulties. The curriculum is delivered through a teacher led approach that encourages students to become independent learners and to develop skills and knowledge over regular progressive learning experiences.

Our Curriculum is split into 6 broad areas, these are:

My Communication
My Cognition
My Care & Independence
My Physical
My Creativity
My World

Depending on the pathway, pupils will have either My Communication, My Cognition etc. or they will have more traditional subject names such as English, Maths, RE etc. during the school day, which will fit under these broad headings. In this way everyone experiences a broad and balanced curriculum that is tailored to their needs.

We will be updating the curriculum information and overviews on the website soon and will be sharing half termly updates of topics and themes that are being explored each half term.

I hope you have found these updates helpful.

Have a lovely weekend!
Kind regards,
Michelle

2-VM EXPLORATION

All the pupils in 2 VM have been busy exploring their new class, outdoor area and supporting the adults to do tasks within class. Alongside learning about the world map and where is 'England' and the 4 countries, in creativity they have been working on 'tone' and have been using different materials to support their learning. As well as the daily phonics lessons and free reading and sharing texts in their familiar favourite stories and learning about sequence. WOW what a busy and exciting first Seven days in school.

2-VM EXPLORATION (CONTINUED)

F-AN SPRAY PAINTING

F-AN have been continuing their creativity by using paint in spray bottles to apply to their portrait.

F-AN SPRAY PAINTING (CONTINUED)

5-SR PHONICS

5-SR have a enjoyed a nice morning undertaking their phonics lesson, reading and writing whilst developing their skills.

5-SR PHONICS (CONTINUED)

F-MH CONSTRUCTION

In FMH we have been exploring the construction area. We have been learning to share space and take turns. We have been busy mixing sand and water and filling and emptying buckets. We have been building towers and knocking them down. Lots of fun and learning.

F-MH CONSTRUCTION (CONTINUED)

3-SMCB CLASS NEWSLETTER

3-SMCB have been working on their new class Newsletter, which they are creating each week for their parents/carers on what their class have been learning and doing during the week.

Whilst one pupil has taken some of the images below, learning to use the camera to capture images, another pupil was creating their piece for the classes Alice in Wonderland display, a very and productive class.

3-SMCB CLASS NEWSLETTER (CONTINUED)

F-AN APPLE ROLLING

Class F-AN have been focusing on foods that keep us healthy in PSED. We explored some different fruits then we did Apple rolling! The children chose which colour paint they wanted to use, then we used a giant tube and took it in turns to roll apples down and create marks on the paper. The children all loved watching the apples roll down the tube.

MEET THE TEAM EVENT

Severndale Parents and Careers are invited to our Macmillan and meet our team even on Tuesday 26th September at 3:50pm until 4:40pm across both our Monkmoor Campus, Futures and Mary Webb Sites.

SPANISH THEMED LUNCH

Every half-term we have our themed lunch, this term it will be Spanish themed and will be on Thursday 28th September 2023. All special diets will be catered for as normal.

PARENTING HELP AND SUPPORT LINE

Shropshire Council Parenting Team, Parenting Help and Support Line.
Available Monday to Thursday from 9:30am to 4:30pm
and
Friday from 9:30am until 3:30pm
please email: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call them on 01743 250950

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Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. The Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.
Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Help and Support Line where one of our trained Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

(Please note the Parenting Help and Support Line will not operate Bank Holidays and between Christmas & New Year)

If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being, please call

First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021

www.shropshire.gov.uk
General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000

WORKING ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP

Shropshire Council Parenting Team, are offering workshops on Working On Your Relationship this Autumn. If you are interested in booking a place or wanting any further information or questions, then please email: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call them on 01743 250950

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Relationships can be difficult, complicated, fun, satisfying, exciting, annoying bring out the best in us and bring out the worst in us. We are often in one, but we don't often spend much time on them. So here is your chance to make the time and come to one of our workshops.

- Do you feel your relationship needs some attention?
- Do you feel you are drifting a bit lately or things have been difficult?
- Would you like to meet with others and share ideas and thoughts?
- Are you looking for a way forward?

WORKING ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP

Why not join us for our 4-week workshop with 2 hours session each week
There are 2 different workshops on offer this Autumn:

Starts on Thursday 28th September 2023
from 10.00am to 12.00pm
at Helena Lane Community Centre, 20 Hamlet Rd, Ludlow SY8 2NP
or
Starts on Thursday 16th November 2023
from 10.00am to 12.00pm
at The Centre, Oak Street, Oswestry, SY11 1LW

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:
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UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS

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- *Would you like to know more about your child's development?*
- *Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?*
- *Would you like a chance to meet & chat with other parents and carers?*

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS

The groups are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

SEND Groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed for our SEND Groups

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Monday 25th September from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 27th September from 12.30pm to 2.30pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child SEND starts Friday 29th September 2023 from 09.30 to 11.30am at Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury

Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 8th November 2023 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Market Drayton Infants School, Longslow Road, Market Drayton

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SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOP

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SEN YOUTH CLUB: THE GRANGE GANG

We are a SEN Youth Club age 15-25 meeting every Friday from 6.30pm-8.30pm.
We are situated on the old Grange School site.

The Grange Youth Centre, Mount Pleasant Road. SY1 3SW. Contact Julie Brotherton on 07711482500.

We do music, sports, arts and crafts, cooking and there is a pool table or just come and chill with old and new friends.

SEVERNDALE FOOD BANK

Severndale Food Bank is open.

Families are able to request a one off food/provision food parcel.

Anyone who requires further support can request a referral to a local food bank in Shrewsbury. Families who live outside of Shrewsbury can be signposted to a food bank in a locality.

If you would like to request a one off parcel, please contact your child or young persons Class Teacher and they will fill in the request form for you.

Food parcels will be available on Fridays, can be collected at reception or sent home with your child or young person.

If you request for further support, you will be contacted by our Family Liason Officer Debbie South.

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Food Hub

MENU CYCLE WEEK ONE

AUTUMN TERM

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	Meatballs & Pasta	Chicken Goujon	Roast Chicken & Gravy	Hot Dog With Ketchup	Fish Fingers
VEGETARIAN	Mac & Cheese	Quorn Dippers	Quorn Chicken	Quorn Hot Dog	Cheese & Tomato Quiche
STARCHY FOOD	Garlic Bread	Wedges	Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding	Diced Potatoes	Chips
VEGETABLE	Sweetcorn	Baked Beans	Carrots & Green Beans	Garden Peas & Coleslaw	Baked Beans
DESSERT	Fruit Flapjack	Mousse	Ice Cream	Marble Cake & Custard	Cornflake cake
CARBS	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Beans or Tuna				

Available Daily Yoghurt Pots, Freshly Made Fruit Pots, Cheese & crackers Sandwiches & Seasonal Salad Selection

Food Allergies and Intolerance

If you require information on allergens or suffer from a food intolerance, please speak to a Team Member before you order your food and drinks.

MENU CYCLE WEEK TWO

AUTUMN TERM

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	Chicken Curry	Chicken Nuggets	Sausage	Meat Pizza	Salmon Fishcake
VEGETARIAN	Quorn Bolognaise	Quorn Nuggets	Quorn Sausage	Cheese Pizza	Cheese & Onion Slice
STARCHY FOOD	Rice	Diced Potatoes	Mashed Potato	Wedges	Chips
VEGETABLE	Sweetcorn	Baked Beans	Carrots & Broccoli	Baked Beans	Coleslaw & Baked Beans
DESSERT	Chocolate Muffin	Angel Delight	Iced Sponge	Ice Cream	Vanilla Shortbread
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MENU CYCLE WEEK THREE

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	Big Breakfast (Sausage & Egg)	Bolognaise	Roast gammon & Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Burger	Salmon Fishcake
VEGETARIAN	Quorn Sausage	Quorn Bolognaise	Vegetarian Cottage Pie	Vegetable Burger	Quorn Nuggets
STARCHY FOOD	Hash Brown	Rice	Roast Potatoes	Wedges	Chips
VEGETABLE	Spaghetti Hoops	Sweetcorn	Carrots & Broccoli	Peas	Baked Beans
DESSERT	Mousse	Raspberry Sponge & Custard	Ice Cream	Chocolate Shortbread	Treat Friday
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