

ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS

THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ST PAUL'S WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



A MESSAGE FROM MRS ADSHEAD

As the weather has now turned cold, I would like to remind everyone to ensure that your child comes to school with a coat. Please make sure that all coats, jumpers, fleeces, scarves and gloves are named. It is very difficult to ensure that the correct belongings go to the rightful owner if the items have no name in them.

We all have lots to look forward to and get excited about as we head towards the end of the year. The classes are busy decorating their classroom doors, being able to eat Christmas lunch together, and take part in Christingle making. We all hope that you will be able to join us for the key Stage 1 production or the key Stage 2 sing along at the church.

Friday 10th December is Christmas jumper day, we expect all children to be in school uniform apart from a festive jumper.

We have had several parents query when the end of term is, our last day is Tuesday 21st December and we finish at 2pm on that day.

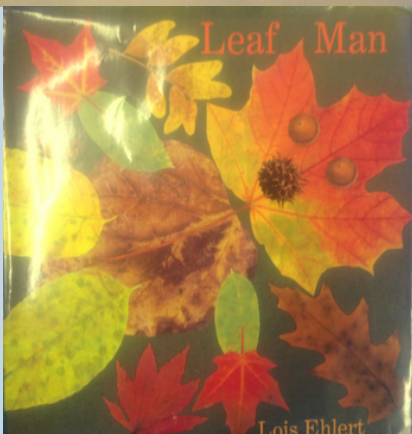
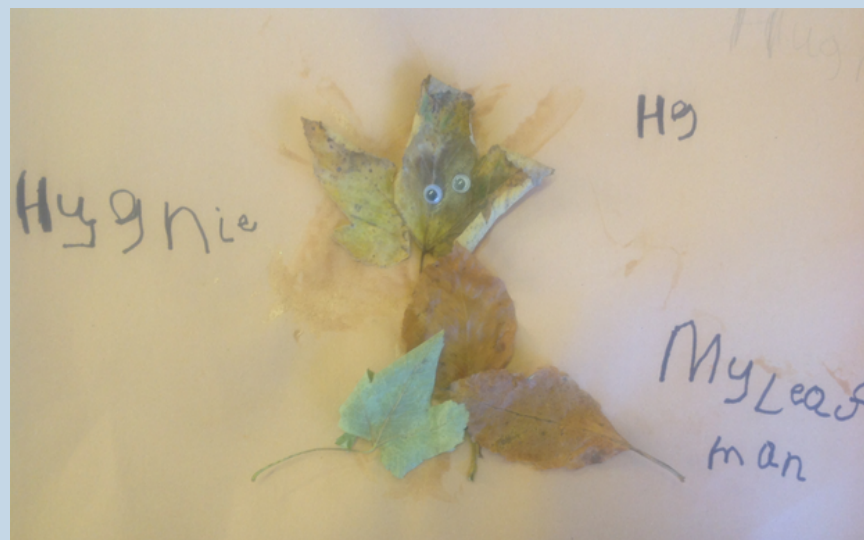
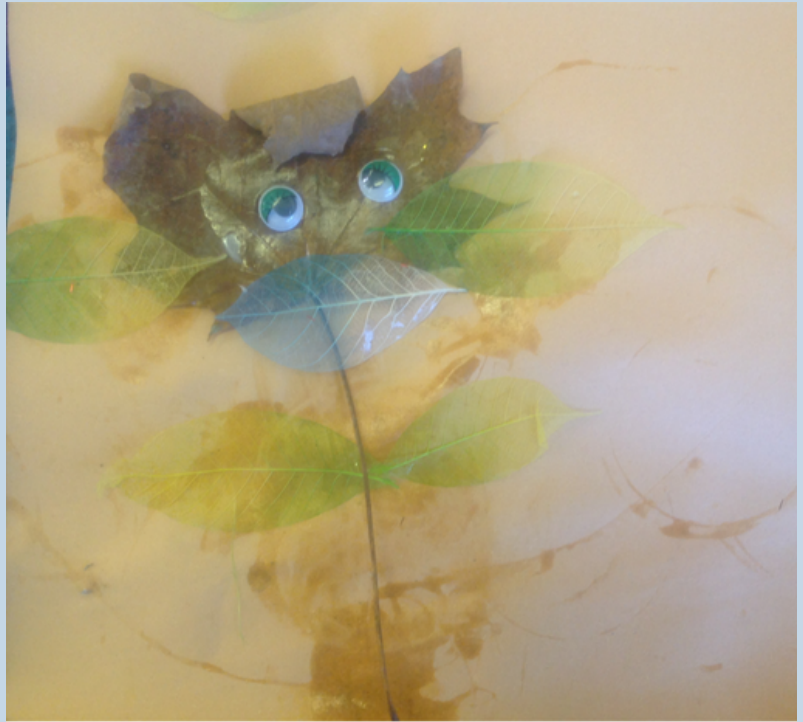
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LEARNING IN THE WILLOWS

Willows have been learning all about Autumn this week, and have learnt how some animals hibernate all through the winter. They read the book 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert, and then made their very own Leaf Man collages. They decided that leaves that fall off the trees and change colour are 'crunchy', 'scrunchy' and they learnt the word 'rustle' to describe the sound if we walk on those fallen leaves.



LEARNING IN THE ROWANS

The Rowans have been learning how to keep fit in their science topic this half term. This week, they conducted an investigation to find out which materials would be suitable for a cycling helmet.

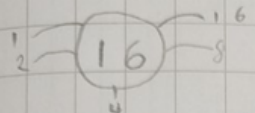


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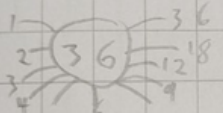
In Maths this week we have been continuing our topic of division and multiplication. We have had to create bar models to help us understand a division question before working it out in a variety of ways.

We also looked at finding all the factors of numbers with factor bugs. We had to work systematically to make sure we found them all and didn't miss any! We then explored this further by trying to find out some rules using a game on Nrich called Light the Lights!

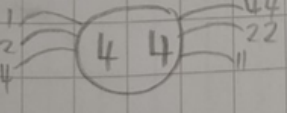
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KQ: Can I find all the factors of a number?



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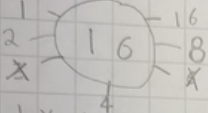


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 4 x 9 = 36
 6 x 6 = 36

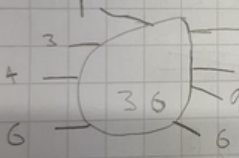


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 2 x 22 = 44
 4 x 11 = 44

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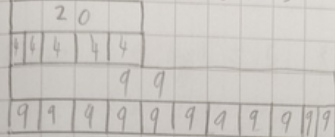
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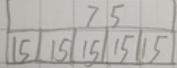
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 5 x 7 = 35
 6 x 6 = 36

Skill: Divide
KQ: How can I use bar models to divide?

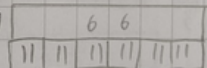
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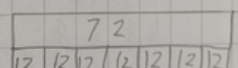
1) 75 ÷ 5 = 15 ✓



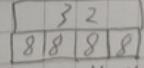
2) 66 ÷ 6 = 11 ✓



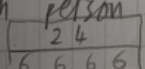
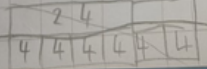
3) 72 ÷ 6 = 12 ✓



4) 32 ÷ 4 = 8

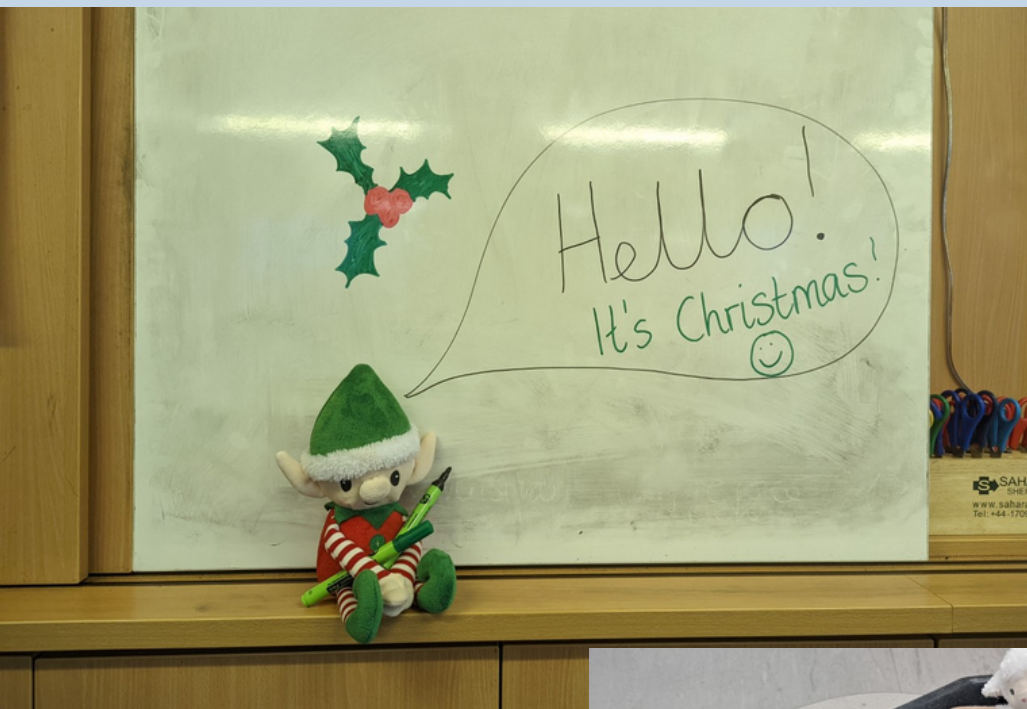


5) Jess has 24 football cards he has 4 friends how many he gives them some each how many does each person have?

ELF CHAOS!

The school has been visited by a naughty elf! He has already had a snowball fight and stolen some of the teachers snacks. I wonder what he is going to do next.....



GOLDEN TICKETS!

We are really proud of Freddie, Libby, Lexxy, Zia, Robin, Sophie B, Millie C, Joseph M, Leia, Lachlan, Harry J, Finley J, Reggie, Eli, Oscar, Elana, Nathan, Beau, F and Isabella for going above and beyond earning 10 gold tokens. Congratulations on achieving a Golden Ticket!





TERM DATES 2021/2022

Autumn Term 2021

School starts: Thursday 2nd September
Half Term: **Monday 25th to Friday 29th October**
Last day of term: Tuesday 21st December **finishing at 2pm**
Occasional Day: **Monday 22nd November**
Inset Days: Wednesday 1st September & Friday 19th November

Spring Term 2022

School starts: Thursday 6th January
Half Term: **Monday 14th to Friday 18th February**
Last day of term: Friday 1st April **finishing at 2pm**
Inset Days: **Wednesday 5th January**

Summer Term 2022

School starts: Wednesday 20th April
Half Term: **Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June**
Last day of term: Friday 22nd July **finishing at 2pm**
Inset Days: Tuesday 19th April & Monday 6th June
Bank Holiday: **Monday 2nd May, Thursday 2nd June & Friday 3rd June**
Occasional Day: **Friday 24th June**

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

For general enquiries, report of an absence or to inform the school of pupil collection arrangements, please contact the school office by email: admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk or telephone on: 01438 871241.

The office is open between the hours of 8:30am and 4pm during term time only.

IMPORTANT DATES 2021/2022

8th December	Rowans and Oaks trip to Duxford
10th December	Whole school Pantomime (School Hall)
10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
14th December	KS1 & Reception Play
15th December	KS2 Christmas Sing Along (at the church)
16th December	Whole School Christmas Dinner
19th January	Rowans Class Assembly parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
2nd February	Willows Class assembly parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
2nd March	Oaks Class Assembly parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
9th March	Open Evening for all classes 15:15 - 16:00
16th March	Silver Birches Class Assembly Parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
21st March	Governors Meeting
27th April	Willows Class Assembly Parents welcome 15:00 - 15:15
9th - 12th May	KS2 SATs week
15th June	Open Evening for all classes 15:15 - 16:00
27th & 29th June	Parents Evening
6th July	KS2 performance
7th July	Governors Meeting
14th July	Secondary Transfer Day

COVID RULES UPDATE

We would like to make you aware that Hertfordshire County Council are advising school not to hold events. Please see the relevant extract below:

As you will be aware, the Covid-19 case rate throughout Hertfordshire remains high especially in younger and unvaccinated age groups leading to several recent outbreaks within school communities.

If you currently have a large outbreak of Covid-19 within your school, we recommend that you do not host any large scale gatherings or celebrations. Even if you do not have an outbreak currently, we'd ask that you remain cautious should you be planning any events.

Outdoor events present less risk of transmission than indoor events, but you should avoid using indoor school facilities such as the toilets and kitchens when delivering any event.

We are seeking clarification as to what impact this will have on events next half term and we will keep you updated as and when we receive clarification or any further information.

We would like to share the following information with you:

We will still be required to send children home if they have a positive PCR/LFD result or symptoms of Covid-19. They and their households are required to comply with <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

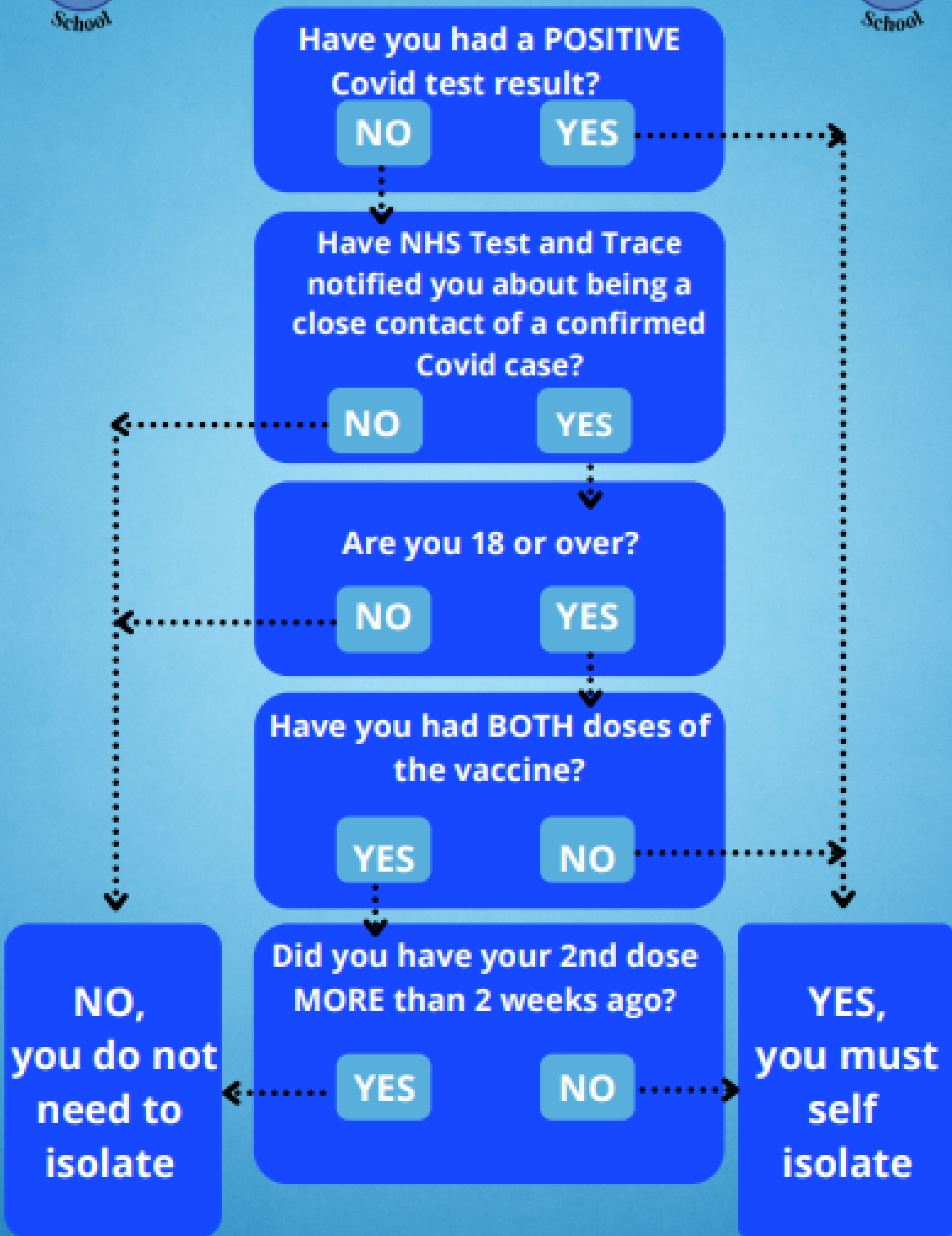
A positive LFD test requires a confirmatory PCR in the usual way and children/young people are expected to isolate pending the result. If negative, they can return to school. If positive they must comply with Stay at Home Guidance as above.

Close contacts and people in support bubbles are required to follow the new guidance. The following link will take you to the when to self isolate guidance above or <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>,

Bubbles are no longer required unless re-imposed because of an outbreak.

Information for parents and carers about the new rules can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Do I need to isolate?



A watercolor illustration of various plants and flowers. There are dark green leaves, some with lighter green veins, and several blue flowers with white centers. There are also some yellow-green, spiky-looking flowers. The plants are scattered around the text, with some branches extending from the top and bottom edges.

We would like to invite all parents to our

PARENT DROP IN SESSIONS

1st Thursday of every month.

No appointment needed, feel free to
drop by between 9:15 and 11:15

Staff will be available to answer any
questions and queries that you may
have or just drop in to have a chat.



Hitchin Christmas Hamper Appeal

The Hitchin Christmas Hamper **Appeal** supports local individuals and families at Christmas with a festive food parcel. Last year due to Covid we changed the way we operated and provided 158 Vouchers to families for them to buy food for the festive period instead of a physical hamper.

This was a huge success and the feedback from families was overwhelmingly positive.

So this year we are asking you to help us raise **funds** so we can give our families supermarket vouchers plus our popular gift bags for the children with toys and extra treats for that personal touch.

If you can **donate** to the Christmas Hamper Appeal fund then please go to the JustGiving Page

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/CCHT>

or just scan the **QR code** below which will take you to the page automatically.



Here's your invitation to book fun filled school holidays!



22nd December to 4th January

HAPpy Camps are free and lots of fun!

At camps you can try new sports, eat tasty food, craft, create and meet new friends.

Camps are free to children

- ✓ aged 5 to 16,
- ✓ attending school in Hertfordshire, and
- ✓ in receipt of benefits related free school meals

Get your unique HAPpy Booking Code from your child's school to access any of the camps.



Book online from 6th December

www.sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking

in partnership with:



Facilitated by Lesley & Francine, experienced and accredited facilitators with 20+ years of experience supporting parents as well as personal experience of living in neurodiverse families. We are excellent active listeners and care passionately about bringing parents caring for children with Autism, ADHD and neurodevelopmental conditions and needs together and empowering parents to support their children to be their best self. Our courses are interactive, participatory and supportive.

Autism, ADHD & neurodevelopmental conditions/needs courses Spring 2022

A Complete Guide to Parenting Children with SEND For parents of children aged 4 years to 11 years with either a diagnosis or those awaiting assessments of Autism, ADHD & inclusive of all neurodevelopmental conditions/needs.	10 x Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am	January 11 th 18 th 25 th Feb 1 st 8 th 22 nd March 1 st 8 th 15 th 22 nd
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Handling anger in your child with Autism/ADHD For parents of children aged 5 to 11 years with either a diagnosis or those awaiting assessments of Autism or ADHD	6 x Thursdays 9.30-11.30am	January 6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th Feb 3 rd 10 th

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Handling Anger in Your Family Six session CANparent Quality Award, evidence-based course is for parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting children from 5 to 11 years looking for ways to better understand and change the anger dynamics and 'cool down' the temperature within the family.	6 x Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am	January 5 th 12 th 19 th 26 th Feb 2 nd 9 th
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SEND families



SEND DROP IN

1st Thursday in every month – 10.00 – 11.30am

Chestnut Tree Family Centre, C/O Garden City Academy, Radburn Way,
Letchworth Garden City SG6 2JZ

FREE bookable session

SESSION DETAILS

Are you a Parent of a Child with Special Needs?

If so you will be very welcome to attend our SEND Drop In. You will have an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have, find out information about local support groups, meet other families. Your child does not need to have had a formal diagnosis

We can provide a friendly ear and a safe space to talk.

Children are welcome to attend with you or you can attend on your own. Children are welcome, no diagnosis needed.

HOW TO BOOK

Log onto our Eventbrite page to book your place <https://barnardos-north-herts.eventbrite.co.uk>

MORE INFORMATION

hertsfamilycentres.org Call us
on: 0300 123 7572



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SEND DROP IN

3rd Monday in every month – 10.00 – 11.30am

Bedwell Family Centre, Unit 2-3 Bedwell Park, Stevenage, SG1 1NB

FREE bookable session

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January 2022 Zoom Parent Network

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If you would like to join us, email bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk and we'll send you the Zoom codes

zoom with Francine and Lesley	Monday January 10th 7-9pm	Understanding autism
Early Years zoom with Tracey and Georgie	Wednesday January 12th 9.30 - 11.30am	Catching up after Christmas and open forum
zoom with Siobhann	Monday January 17th 10am - 12pm	SEND support in schools
Teens 15+ zoom with Finola and Karen	Tuesday January 18th 7-9pm	EHCPs for post 16s With Helena Marks-Dwyer, Independent SEND Consultant
zoom with Vicky and Sharon	Wednesday January 19th 9.30-11.30am	Let's pop the kettle on - SEND chat, giggles and a cuppa
zoom with Siobhann and Tracey	Thursday January 27th 10am - 12pm	Sensory issues, helpful tips and ideas
zoom with Siobhann and Sharon	Thursday January 27th 7-9pm	EHCP - The first steps

Parents who have attended previous sessions will receive a text invitation to join the virtual meetings



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February 2022 Zoom Parent Network

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zoom with Francine and Lesley	Monday February 7th 7-9pm	Understanding ADHD
Early Years zoom with Tracey and Georgie	Wednesday February 9th 9.30 - 11.30am	Modelling self care and an introduction to mindfulness With Helena Marks-Dwyer, Independent SEND consultant
Teens 15+ zoom with Finola and Karen	Tuesday February 15th 7-9pm	Benefits post-16 and PIP With the Money Advice Unit
zoom with Vicky and Sharon	Wednesday February 16th 9.30-11.30am	Let's pop the kettle on - SEND chat, giggles and a cuppa
zoom with Siobhann	Monday February 21st 10am - 12pm	EHCP - The first steps
zoom with Siobhann and Tracey	Thursday February 24th 10am - 12pm	SEND support in schools
zoom with Siobhann and Sharon	Thursday February 24th 7-9pm	Understanding your draft EHCP

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March 2022 Zoom Parent Network

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zoom with Francine and Lesley	Monday March 7th 7-9pm	Understanding sensory issues
Early Years zoom with Tracey and Georgie	Wednesday March 9th 9.30 - 11.30am	Early Years support in Herts & benefits and SEND With The Money Advice Unit
zoom with Siobhann	Monday March 14th 7-9pm	EHCP & school issues Q&A With Helena Marks-Dwyer, Independent SEND consultant
Teens 15+ zoom with Finola and Karen	Tuesday March 15th 7-9pm	Understanding PDA With Amanda Mcquire
zoom with Vicky and Sharon	Wednesday March 16th 9.30-11.30am	Let's pop the kettle on - SEND chat, giggles and a cuppa
zoom with Siobhann and Tracey	Thursday March 17th 10am - 12pm	Getting a successful EHCP review
zoom with Siobhann and Sharon	Thursday March 17th 7-9pm	Tried and tested tips and ideas for children with sensory issues

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Bringing up confident children for parents of children with ADHD/ASD (online group)

Worried about your child? Join our online group and get support to help your child feel more confident and happier. This is an online group and will be delivered via MS Teams.

When: Thursday, 27th January to 10th March 2022

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

For more information, contact Louise on 0204 522 8700 or 8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk



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Getting on with your pre-teen or teenager

This online course is aimed at families with a FFA, CIN, CP OR Youth Justice Plan but places are also available for parents wanting to gain an understanding of the feelings and needs underlying teenager behaviour and knowledge and skills to develop a more positive relationship. Course content may vary depending on needs of the attendees.

When: Wednesday 26th January to 9th March

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

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SEND Advice for Parents/Carers

*Helpful SEND advice lines
for Parents and Carers*

Advice line	Times available (from Sept 2020)
Educational Psychology Contact line ☎ 01992 588574	Weds 2pm – 4:30pm
SEND Specialist Advice and Support Service* ☎ 01442 453920 - term time only	Specific Learning Difficulties: Mon & Thurs 09:30am – 12pm
	Speech Language, Communication & Autism needs: Tues & Weds 1:30pm – 4pm
	Early Years: Weds 9am – 12pm Thurs 1:30pm – 4pm
	Physical and Neurological Impairment: Mon 1:30pm – 4pm
West team Attendance Duty* ☎ 01442 454778	Mon - Fri 09:30 am – 4pm
East team Attendance Duty* ☎ 01992 555261	Mon - Fri 09:30 am – 4pm

* also available to schools, settings and professionals

To access a range of learning resources
please click [here](#)

Hertfordshire

Young People's Survey 2021

Opening 1 November 2021

Closing 17 December 2021

If you are aged between 11-25 with a learning difficulty or disability, share your thoughts and ideas about activities and support for young people in Hertfordshire.

How to access the survey...

1. Ask your teacher to provide you with a paper copy of the survey to complete.
2. Type this link
<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/YoungPeopleSENSurvey2021/> into your browser.
3. Or email SfYP@hertfordshire.gov.uk for a link.