SEND Newsletter

Autumn 2, Friday 15th December 2023

We Grow, Learn and Achieve by Following Christ

We are very proud of all of our children who have worked extremely hard this term. As we approach the end of term, we are reviewing their progress. If your child is on the SEND register and has additional support, you will receive an **Individual Provision Map** in early January showing what support your child has had and the progress they have made. Once you have received this, if you would like to meet to discuss it further, please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange a meeting.

In the new year, I will be restarting our monthly **Family Matters** sessions. These are aimed at, but not limited to, parents of children with additional needs. They aim to support you, as parents, to support your children with their social and emotional development as well as their learning. The first one is on Thursday 18th January. We have a representative from the Family Information Service joining us to tell us about the Local Offer and support available within Ealing. Please let us know you are coming using this form. See our website and school newsletters for more dates.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, I look forward to seeing you again in January.

Mrs Hatfield

Useful Contacts

Our school SENCO is
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Our allocated Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) coordinators are:
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SEND Glossary

In the SEND Code of Practice, Cognition & Learning is broken down into 4 different categories.

SpLD
Specific Learning Difficulty
Including dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia

MLD
Moderate Learning Difficulty

SLD
Severe Learning Difficulty

PMLD
Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties

For more details on these conditions click here.

Visit www.ealinglocaloffer.org.uk for information about SEND support services in the Local Authority.

What's been going on at St Vincent's?



Sitting Volleyball Competition

Well done to the Yr 5/6 Sitting Volleyball teams who came 2nd & 4th at the Willow Tree SSP Sitting Volleyball Competition.

Inclusion Quality Mark

This term, St Vincent's have maintained their Flagship School status with the Inclusion Quality Mark. This is possible because of the huge efforts made by our staff, pupils and parents. The review report can be read here.

Intervention Focus: Social Stories

A Social Story presents information in a reassuring way, to allow an individual to improve their understanding of an event or social expectation, therefore leading to a more effective response to it. Social Stories can reduce anxiety because they provide information about what might happen or provide guidelines on how to behave.

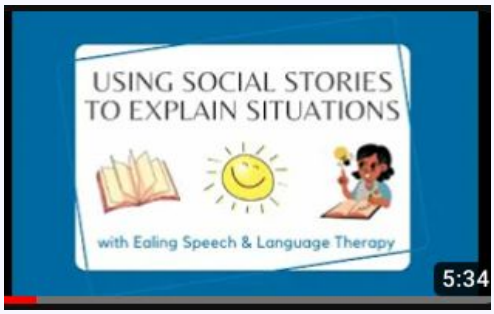
Social Stories are often used with images to support understanding and are written at a level that the individual can understand. They can be personalised to the child using photographs of familiar people and places.

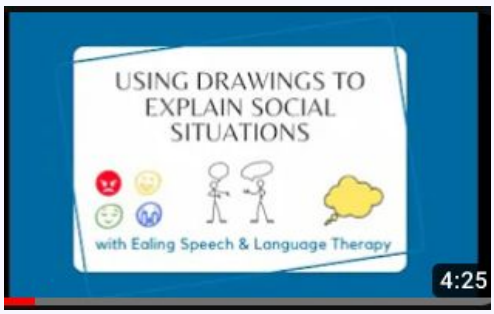
Social Stories were developed by Carol Gray, a former teacher who worked with students with Autistic Spectrum Disorders. However, they are now widely used with a range of children to help them with a multitude of topics.

Click on the links below to explore some examples of Social Stories that we have used in school.

How can I help my child?

Click on the images below for some useful videos...













Speak to your child about what they find challenging.
A Social Story might help them to understand the expected behaviour.

Upcoming Events (Click images for more information or to book)







Toy Library



Visit Carrie's Toy Library where you can find amazing toys and SEND resources such as: vibrating cushions, tactile discs, wobble cushions, light projectors, spinning chairs, body massagers, multimedia learning tablets, digital story readers, activities and busy boards, musical instruments, books, wooden and sounds puzzle, baby toys and many more.

Carrie's Toy Library is at Ealing Anchor Foundation and is now open at Windmill Children's Centre. You can book a visit to the toy library using the links below:

Carrie's Toy Library - December 19, 2023
Carrie's Toy Library - December 20, 2023
Carrie's Toy Library - December 22, 2023
Carrie's Toy Library - December 26, 2023
Carrie's Toy Library - December 27, 2023
Carrie's Toy Library - December 29, 2023
Carrie's Toy Library - January 2, 2024

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For families with disabled children

Tuesday 19th December
Coffee morning for parents of children with PDA / Autism / Demand Avoidance.

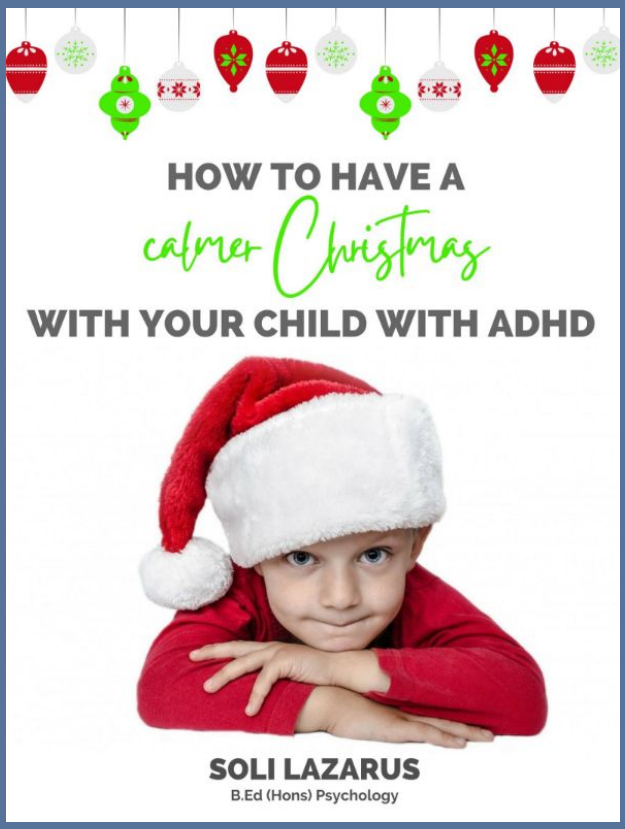
Booking essential:
https://forms.office.com/e/RuNUAWtQfi

Venue: Jamaica Blue Coffee Shop, Ealing Broadway Shopping Centre
Time: 10.30am start

Holiday Playschemes – Christmas 2023

The Family Information Service (FIS) has put together this list of holiday playschemes that are running over the Christmas holidays.

Parent Support & Advice





When your child has additional needs, you may require some additional advice and strategies to use with them. As education staff, we receive training all the time, but this is something you don't get as a parent!
Ealing's Parenting Service offers a wide range of courses, some aimed at children with specific needs or disabilities. Not only will you learn new ideas and strategies from the course, you will meet other parents who might be in a similar position to you.
For more information or click here or scan the QR code.



Have you heard of **My Family Coach**?
It's an incredible free platform for schools and families for help and support with all areas of behaviour, school and family life.

The platform includes **over 50 hours of free support content** from the experienced team at Team Teach. There's **articles, podcasts, videos, ebooks and quarterly online parent classes** that you can attend and watch on-demand as well.

The resources and support cover a huge variety of topics and we're always adding more:

- Relationships
- Communication
- Mental well being
- Friendships
- Bullying
- Calming down
- School life
- Healthy living
- At risk behaviour
- Screen time

It's all available 24/7 and completely free!

To access the platform simply visit the My Family Coach website and create an account https://www.myfamilycoach.com/ .