

# ASHWOOD AUTUMN 1 SEND



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# HELLO!

I'm Mrs L Hartley, FS2 teacher and SENDCO. I've had a lovely first half term here at Ashwood Primary. Everyone has been so friendly and welcoming. Now that I've familiarised myself with the school, it's time to spend the next term really getting stuck in!



## What is a SENDCO?

I'm responsible for the operation of the Special Educational Needs Policy and coordination of specific provisions made to support individual children with SEND. The team will liaise with staff to monitor the pupils' progress, making sure that there are accurate records of your child's progress and needs, and together plan further interventions where necessary.

As SENDCO, it's my role to hold multi-agency meetings to support families and children making links and creating a team behind the child; liaising with all the other people who may be coming into school to help support your child's learning e.g. The Speech and Language Therapy Service, The Educational Psychologist. They will ensure that you are involved in supporting your child's learning, involved in reviewing how they are doing and is part of planning ahead for your child. If you have any questions or worries please don't hesitate to contact me.

# SPORT

This term, we have taken part in a ten-pin bowling event with 12 other Rotherham school in partnership with Panathalon. A great time was had by all.

The day was made even better with the fact our team won joint first place!

Absolutely fantastic, Team Ashwood!



# IN SCHOOL



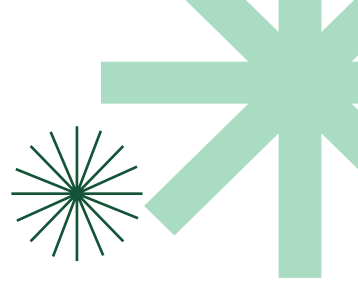
Our Mental Health Ambassadors,  
Sports Leaders and School Council  
have been busy!

They have been working on zoning areas for  
different activities.

These include mindfulness activities, dance  
and Zumba, and den making amongst so  
many other things.



# BEHIND THE SCENES



**The team at Ashwood have updated students' Pupil Support Profiles.**

These are a summary of each child's strengths and what they may find challenging, with tips, strategies and interventions. These documents are then used to inform any professional working with your child to ensure there is consistency. We have also been updating your child's specific targets. These will be shared with families.

**Please ask your child's class teacher if you haven't yet received any targets.**

I have also met with each class teacher to discuss the needs of individual children and the whole class, making an action plan of where to go next e.g. advice from our wonderful Specialist Inclusion Teacher, Alex Gill.

There have also been MANY meetings with individual professionals to discuss and plan support for our children at Ashwood!

**Attention Y6 Parents!** I will be meeting with the SENDCO at Rawmarsh Community School this term to discuss transition plans. Just a little reassurance that the transition ball is well and truly rolling! Watch this space for more news!





# WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT!

## Alex Gill - School Inclusion Team

The Specialist Inclusion Team (SI Team) are part of Rotherham's Inclusion Support Services and work within a range of educational settings in Rotherham, South Yorkshire and Derbyshire. Alex has already been in lots last half term especially focusing on our older children in school

## Lisa Nelson - Educational Psychologist


Lisa works in partnership with children and young people between the ages of 0 – 25, their families, educational settings and services. Lisa will listen to children and young people and may use practical activities with them to find out how best to help improve their experience, wellbeing and outcomes.

## Amy Ray - Speech and Language Therapist

Amy regularly comes into school and is currently screening all our Foundation Children to ensure appropriate speech and language support is implemented in school along with reviewing support for our key stage one children. Her colleagues often visit to offer support for our older children in school.

## Chris Kiernan - SEMH outreach worker

The Aspire SEMH Outreach Team (AOT) provide bespoke consultation and support for students in Rotherham



schools with an identified SEMH needs, in line with the SEND code of practice. The aim is to build strategies in response to the student's need with an evidenced intervention plan and potential training to support the school.

### **With Me in Mind Rotherham With Me in Mind**

This is one of the national Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) and there are teams based in both Doncaster and Rotherham. Our service was identified following the release of the Government Green Paper (2017), “Transforming Children and Young People’s Mental Health” in which there was a focus on earlier intervention and prevention, especially in, and linked to schools and colleges. One of the core proposals from the paper was to fund new Mental Health Support Teams, which are predominantly being supervised by NHS Children and Young People’s Mental Health Services as well as local charity/private services.

### **Rotherham SENDIASS**

This stands for Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service. We can offer you impartial information, advice and support if you are:

- a parent or carer for a child or young person up to age 25 with special educational needs or disabilities
- a child up to age 16 who has special educational needs or disabilities
- a young person aged 16-25 who has special educational needs or disabilities

### **Parent Carers Forum**

A registered charity run by and for families of children



and young people (aged 0-25) with SEND. We work in partnership with service commissioners and providers, sharing knowledge and experience of families to help plan and develop the quality, range and accessibility of provision, creating better outcomes for families through participation and co-production.





# DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thank you to everyone who attended the first SEN Drop In.

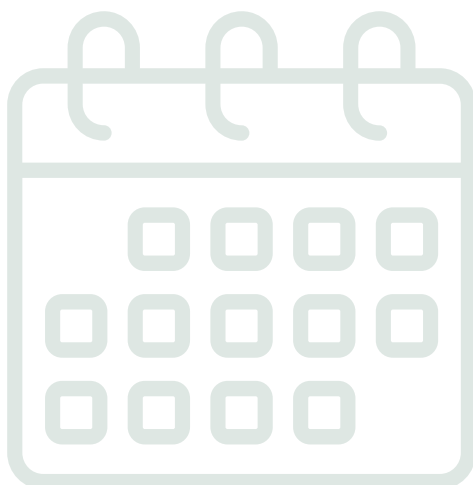
SEN Drop Ins:  
7th November 2:30-3:15pm

28th November 2:30-3:15pm

## SEN Reviews

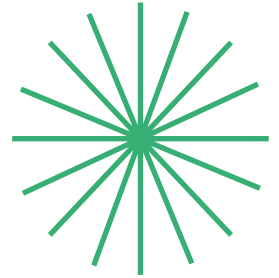
This term every child on our SEN Register will have a formal review.

Letters will be going home with dates very soon!





# AUTUMN 2 – UP NEXT



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