



HJS SEND NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the half-termly Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) newsletter for Hillborough Junior School.

THIS MONTH'S TOPICS:

- Welcome back!
- Family support groups and local services
- Support for children at home

WELCOME!

We are so pleased to have everyone back in school and are looking forward to a great term. If you have any concerns or worries, please talk to your class teacher or call the school office to make an appointment with myself (Mrs Whelan).

ASD SUPPORT GROUPS

The autism spectrum team (part of the Special Educational Needs Service) run the Families in Luton Autism Group (FLAG). This was formed to address the needs of families affected by autism after an initial survey highlighted the parents' wishes to link with families in similar circumstances, have access to a sympathetic listening ear and user

friendly information about the autism spectrum.

Each meeting provides parents with an opportunity to discuss issues with other families, carers, teachers, early years advisors and support workers - all of whom have had experience working with autistic children and those with Aspergers Syndrome.

Please contact
Chloe.Bishop@luton.gov.uk for more information.

FLAG MEETING DATES

All meetings are currently being held via zoom.

FLAG Autumn 2021 Meeting Dates:

Thursdays 4.30-5.30pm

23rd September

7th October

21st October

4th November

18th November

2nd December

16th December



Search for 'Families in Luton Autism Group' to find their web page.

SENDIAS

SENDIAS are a wonderful service that can help to support families with children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. They can provide reassurance and professional advice if you are struggling to understand what your child's SEND means and the implications for your family.

They also have a fantastic website with links to other great organisations under the tab 'Support' so please do have a look.

www.sendiasluton.co.uk

A message from the Local Authority for parents of children that have an EHCP:

We want to hear about your experiences of the Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) Annual Review process. We want to know if you think your child's EHCP is helping them to make progress. Giving your views will help us to find out what is going well and also what we need to do to improve parents' and carers' experiences of the Annual Review process. This survey is very short and should only take five minutes to complete.

- Parent and carer annual review feedback <https://engage.luton.gov.uk/send-outcomes-team/72bf4e39>
- Children and young person annual review feedback <https://engage.luton.gov.uk/send-outcomes-team/3efc81c2>

RETURN TO SCHOOL

The return to school can be daunting for any child, particularly those with Special Education Needs, so they may need some additional support both in school and at home in the first few weeks.

Have a look at this website which has lots of ideas and why not try the activity opposite with your child too?

<https://covid19.alderhey.nhs.uk/back-to-school-resources-for-parents-and-children/>

TIME CAPSULE ACTIVITY

- Find a clean, empty jar or container
- Decorate it with stickers, glitter, glue, paint etc
- Cut out lots of small squares of brightly coloured paper
- With your help, get your child to tell you some of the things they are looking forward to this term
- Write these on the papers and pop into the jar
- You could also write down what their favourite TV show, food and song are
- Who is their best friend?
- Put it somewhere safe and open again on the last day of term
- Look back together at the term and talk about what they enjoyed.

