



# SEN Matters

## Autumn 2017 Newsletter



### **HELLO!**

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first half term covering Mrs Pinnegar's role as SENCO. I work on Mondays and Thursdays and teach 4E for the rest of the week. If you'd like to contact me at any time, please email [senco@abprimary.bham.sch.uk](mailto:senco@abprimary.bham.sch.uk) and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Miss Edwards



### **COMING SOON!**

#### **Sensory area**

We are currently in the process of creating a new sensory area in KS2. Thank you to Mrs Petts for helping to arrange this!

#### **Coffee morning**

Next half term we will hold a coffee morning for parents/carers of children with an SEN. This will be an opportunity to meet and discuss any issues you might have, as well as looking at our updated SEN Information Report.

#### **Outside agencies**

We have several experts that come into school to work with our children and to help and advise. These are some of them:

**PSS - Pupil and School Support** - Our school advisor works with children to identify problem areas in their learning.

**CAT - Communication and Autism Team** - The team support children diagnosed with an ASC to help them to access all areas of the curriculum.

**EP - Educational Psychologist** - Our EP works with children with SEMH issues as well as identifying where children may have cognition and learning difficulties.

### **Additional Support and Information**

The Birmingham Special Educational Needs & Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) offers impartial information, advice and support to children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities.

The service is impartial, confidential, accessible and free, and can help with a range of subjects, including:

- Assessment processes for education, health and care plans
- Social care and health issues that relate to education
- Individual casework and support in preparing for and attending meeting
- Advice and representation through appeals and complaints processes, if appropriate.

#### **Contact details**

The SENDIASS team is available from 8:45am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.

- Telephone: 0121 303 5004
- Email: [sendiass@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@birmingham.gov.uk)

#### **Glossary of key terms:**

**SEN** - Special Educational Need

**SENCO** - Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

**ASC** - Autistic Spectrum Condition

**ADHD** - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

**C&G** - Cognition and learning

**S&P** - Sensory and physical

**SEMH** - Social, emotional and mental health

**EHC** - Education Healthcare Plan (formerly a Statement)