

Special Needs Newsletter

June 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been working really hard behind the scenes to improve things at our school for all children, but most particularly for those who have additional learning needs. We have completed an audit of SEN Provision and implemented a range of training for all staff too.

Firstly a huge 'thank-you' to all the parents who have made time to make an appointment and come along to meet with Mrs Lewis, our Interim SENCO. These meetings have been very useful for us and we hope that you have found this time valuable. Don't forget that Mrs Lewis is available most Tuesday afternoons for one to one appointments with parents of children with special educational needs and these can be booked just by ringing the school office.



Sadly Mrs Lewis will be leaving us at the end of term, but our thanks to her for 'holding the fort' and getting things moving in the right direction as our Interim SENCO. We are however delighted to inform you that Mrs Hurley, our fantastic Deputy Head, will be taking over the role of SENCO from September which is great news!

Mrs Hurley knows many of you really well, and the children even better, which is a great start! Mrs Lewis and Mrs Hurley are busy collaborating together to improve communication and our provision for the children so watch this space for our next steps!

NEW ONE PAGE PROFILES

Schools use a One Page Profile to celebrate a child's successes and outline what helps them learn in school. We have been working

with Mrs Hoeb who is helping us draft new child friendly and person centred One Page Profiles!



All children on the SEN Register, plus a few extra who we feel would benefit, will have a session with Mrs Hoeb to draft what we like and admire about them, what is important to them and how to best support them. The children will also have the chance to choose their favourite background to personalise their plan and these will be shared with you in the Autumn Term at our next review meetings.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR MEETINGS

We are planning on holding a termly review with the class teacher and SENCO for all

children on the SEN Register to improve communication with families. This will be *in addition* to Parents' Evenings! Watch out for the autumn term dates which will be published as early as we can to allow you to make arrangements to attend.

TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

We are starting to prepare for the transition to new schools for our Year 6 pupils, to welcome our new reception children and to make and share transition resources for our children with the most significant needs.

Our draft Staffing Plan is almost complete so we are able to share with you, nice and early, where we anticipate the teachers and 1:1 support staff will be based for the autumn term. This will help reassure the children, staff and yourselves well in advance.

Wherever possible we are keeping the same 1:1 support staff in place with key children, and staff who are familiar with

each of our phases will remain there to share their expertise.

Reception: Mrs Fisher with Mrs Williams for Class Support.

Year 1: Miss Furby with Mrs Murphy and Mrs Davies for SEN Support.

Year 2: Miss Tranah with Mrs Macal and Mrs Wade for SEN Support.

Year 3: Mrs Wall with Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Davies for SEN Support.

Year 4: Ms Dawson with Mrs Clark and Mrs Trigg for SEN Support.

Year 5: Mrs Lewins and Mrs Barratt with Mrs Bowers for SEN Support.

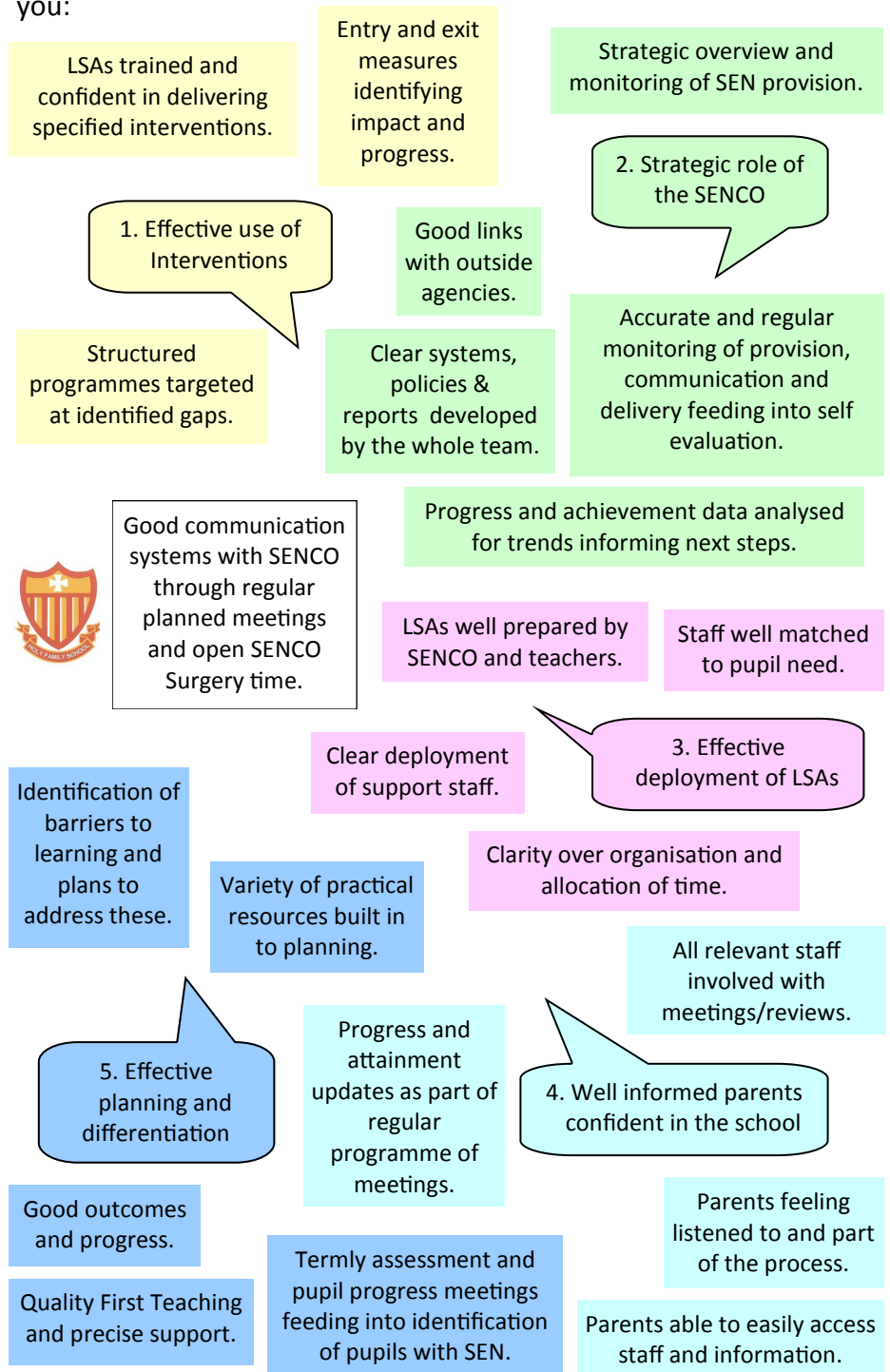
Year 6: Miss Fordham with Mrs Herman and Mrs Clifton for SEN Support.

There will of course be some additional class support for those children who do not have a statement or an Education, Health and Care Plan, and those details will be shared at the start of the new term when we have finalised our intervention and support packages across the school.

Mrs Lewis will be writing to all parents of children who are statutorily entitled to 1:1 support for their child to confirm these arrangements in person.

VISION FOR SEN AT HOLY FAMILY

Mrs Lewis and Mrs Hurley have drafted our aspirations for Special Needs at our school and we are pleased to share a summary with you:



COMMUNICATION



As parents you may have further suggestions or ideas that can help make our special needs provision second to none. If you have any contributions that you would like to share, please just make an appointment to come along and speak to Mrs Lewis in person, or drop her a note via the school office.

We'd love to hear from you., especially if you have noticed any positive changes so far, or if you have ideas that will help us further improve.



Thank You!!!