



# Shorefields Parent Newsletter

29th September 2023

<https://www.shorefields.essex.sch.uk>

## Dates for your Diary:

4th Oct—SPLASH AGM 2pm in the café

5th Oct—Coffee Morning for parents in the café

10th Oct—World Mental health day

12th Oct—Coffee Morning for those living in Harwich

19th Oct—Autumn Festival at St. Pauls

For World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023, if anyone would like to wear something Green on that day and if possible bring in a donation to the mental health foundation



## Happy Friday Good News—lots to share this week

Beach 4—had a lovely theatre trip to 'The Whispering Jungle' at The Mercury Theatre in Colchester

Pier 2—had a great hydro session

Moonbeam Sensory Theatre in to school this week and all the Pier classes loved the 'Dive' experience

Beach 5—one student is being amazing at using words to express her feelings to regulate and request leaving the room

Sunshine 7—have been collecting data about a variety of things this week—including chocolate!

Pier 1—all pupil in on Tuesday and a lovely settled da for one pupil

Sunshine 1—A wonderful start for one pupil who is doing very well with regulating.

Sunshine 3—one pupil verbalising so well for breadsticks

Sunshine 6—great spontaneous signing from one student who is often reluctant

Sunshine 8—Two students playing badminton together is a delight to watch

Pier 5—one student who is moving soon is doing very well with coping with the move

**Continued**

### **Happy Friday Good News...continued**

Beach 3—one pupil used a 5 word sentence and was very proud.

Pier 4—students coping so well and co-operating with lots of visits from Occupational Health and the Physiotherapist in class.

Thanks to the special Unicorn guest to cheer everyone up one morning this week.

Staff news—Trudy and Pete attended the Careers Fayre at the Town Hall to recruit for our current vacant positions at school.

Our extra special thanks go to Logan Collis' family, who organised a charity event before the summer holidays where they raised £2000 for the school.

It was a wonderful amount and we are so grateful to them for supporting the school.



**Could you please be mindful whilst driving in the school grounds, when dropping off and picking up pupils, the speed limit is 5mph.**

### **Edith Elms Special Schools Trust**

Funding available via application.

The trust was set up over 20 years ago and supports the needs of current and former pupils of Shorefields School.

The trustees meet three times a year and will consider any grant applications for equipment or services that support the educational, social or recreational needs of pupils; they will only consider applications that are requested specifically because the pupil has a learning difficulty.

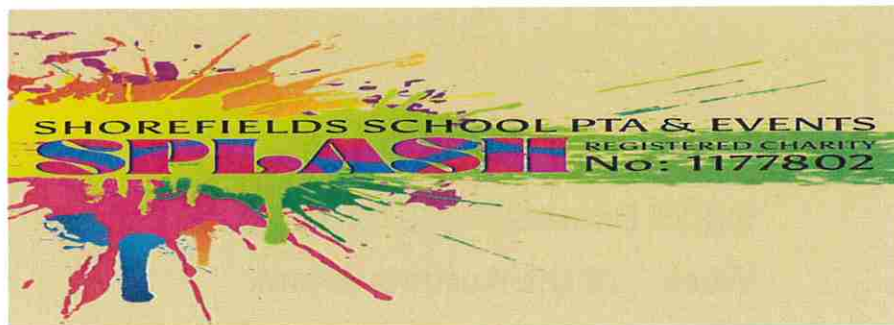
Please complete the application form available from the school office if you wish to apply for funding.

Meetings are held in February, May and October

School Dinners – w/b 02.10.23  
Week 2 of the Autumn Menu.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Option 1	Homemade pizza served with seasoned wedges	Sweet & Sour Chicken & Rice	Sausages, parsnips, roast potatoes & Yorkshire pudding	Bacon whirl & Cubbies	Harry Ramsden Fillet of fish served with chips
Main Meal Option 2	Macaroni Cheese served with garlic bread	Fish flipper dippers served with new potatoes	Cheesy beans in a Yorkshire pudding, parsnips & roast potatoes	Tomato Pasta	Hot dog & chips
Vegetables	Mixed vegetables	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Cabbage & Carrots	Cauliflower & Mixed Vegetables	Baked beans
	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar
Dessert/ Pudding	Chocolate cake & Custard	Angel Delight or fresh fruit pots	Iced sponge	Fruit pots or Muller cor- ner	Homemade cookie & Milkshake





Hello everyone,

As you may or may not be aware, SPLASH is the school PTA and help with the funding of class budgets, required items and days out for the children of Shorefields.

We have a nice group of parents on the PTA but we are always open to any new parents who would wish to be involved and help.

Over the next 12 months we have been able to private hire a session each month with amazing activities which will be held on a Sunday afternoon. Dates will be given for each month on the newsletter and on our dedicated Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SPLASHPTA>

Booking is essential as we limit the number of spaces available to keep the room as free as possible for all our children to enjoy.

We are also very keen to look at hiring other places and holding other events so any suggestions you may have please do let us know. This can be done via school or messaging the splash page or myself directly on either Facebook or email. My email is [Lbennison89@gmail.com](mailto:Lbennison89@gmail.com).

We will try to start our bingo and quiz night again this year and will hopefully be able to get some dates sorted soon for you to pencil in.

We wish you a great start to the new term and feel free to contact us at any time you would like.

Best Wishes,

Louise and all the splash team.



Shorefields School PTA And Events created an event.

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SUN, 1 OCT AT 16:00

**Splash Amazing activities private hire**

Clacton-on-Sea

☆ Interested

# SAILSHIP AUTUMN HARVEST

*Come Support Your Local Charity*



Fresh Seasonal Produce Available

Sown, grown & harvested by Sailship Trainees



Sailship products  
available from the  
Treasure Trove shop



**GRAND  
OPENING!**

Join us for the official opening of our  
new Bay Café!



Red Pepper & Pumpkin Soup

Homemade Treats & Refreshments

**CASH ONLY**

**SAT 30TH SEPTEMBER - 11AM TO 3PM**

**FAIRCLOUGH AVENUE, CLACTON-ON-SEA, CO16 7EG**

*All proceeds from sales are directed back into the charity (Reg Charity Number 1174031)*





# Essex Autism Project

A newsletter for parents and carers

Website: <https://autismessex.kids.org.uk/>

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October 2023

## What's new at the Essex Autism Project?

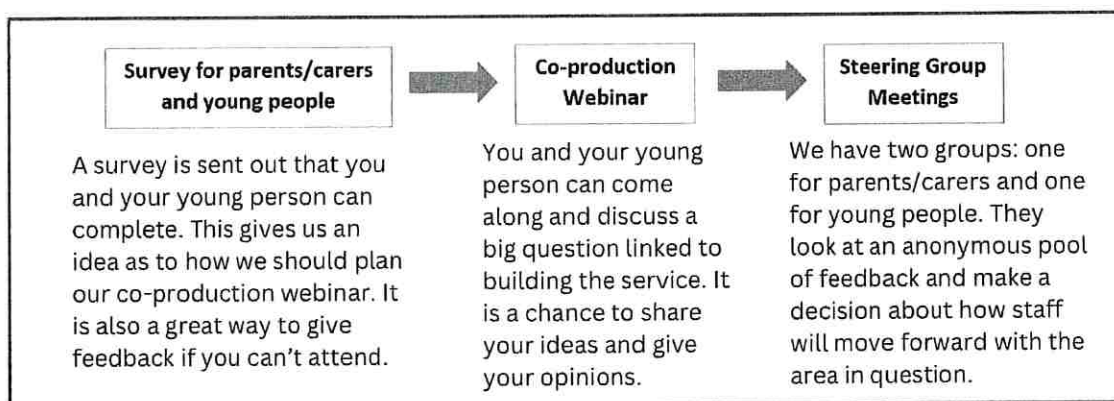
- Monthly update
- Co-producing the website with families
- Which topics have been chosen?
- Videos, animations and interviews
- FAQs

## Monthly update

This month we have begun our co-production webinars and steering group meetings. This is a really exciting step for the service as it means we are now in a position to create content for the new website! We have also been speaking to local organisations who work with autistic people as we want to make sure that the new website contains high-quality information that is relevant to families. Thank you to those of you who have provided us with feedback so far. Please do keep it coming!

## Co-producing the website with families

Co-production is now well under way with families and the Essex Autism Project is really coming to life! Here is a reminder about the way we are doing things:



We have had such fantastic ideas passed on to us so far which we are incredibly grateful for. Families always make suggestions to us that we have not previously considered and this is so important for building a service that truly works for you as a parent/carers. Surveys are sent out a week before each co-production webinar. The next webinar is on:

Fri 20th October

6pm

Website: What should it look like?



# Essex Autism Project

A newsletter for organisations in Essex, Southend and Thurrock

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## What's new at the Essex Autism Project?

- Monthly update
- Update meetings
- Focus areas
- New co-production strategy
- FAQs

## Monthly update

This month we have been focusing on building links with local organisations across Southend, Essex and Thurrock. Thank you to those of you who have signposted people to us. We are seeing an increasing number of professionals who are coming to us via word-of-mouth which is wonderful. We have also started our new co-production strategy which we hope will allow as many families as possible to contribute ideas to the service. Please see below for more information.

## Update Meetings

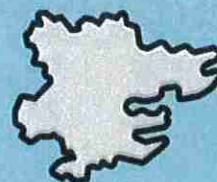
At present we are meeting a steady stream of professionals who are new to the Essex Autism Project. It is great to have made so many links across Greater Essex and something which will really benefit our families. However, we want to ensure that our existing contacts are kept sufficiently up to date with service developments. If you would like to arrange an update meeting with us, please get in touch.



## Focus areas

The Essex Autism Project is particularly keen to speak to professionals in the following areas:

- Southend
- Thurrock
- Harlow
- Tendring
- Basildon



We are aware that we are currently not reaching as many families as we possibly could in these local authorities and want to make sure this changes. If you are able to support us in making links with families, we would be keen to talk to you. The service has two Essex-based staff, so in-person visits can be arranged if this is preferred to meeting online.

