



Family Newsletter- Friday 2nd February
2024

Wheels For All

Join us for Cycling sessions at Shorefields School, using a range of adapted cycles

Shorefields School, CO156HF



We are back!
Join us every
Wednesday from
3.15pm during
term time.
Booking required

Booking is required - email or call to book a place
Email: Tendring@wheelsforall.org.uk Tel: 07719073532



Good Luck

We would like to wish Sarah in the front office all the luck in the world as she leaves us today, to start her new venture. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and support with admin and finance over the years. You may have noticed we have reshuffled the office - and Kelly from our finance team and Michelle our School Business Manager have now moved into the front office to support the team. So feel free to say hi to them!

Diary Dates



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- *Thursday 8th February Pink Day Dress in Pink for a donation, Cakes etc will be on sale*
 - *Thursday 15th February Harwich Parents Coffee Morning*
 - *Half Term 19th - 23rd February*
 - *Friday 8th March Mothers Day Afternoon Tea*
 - *Friday 19th April SPLASH Quiz Night*
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SPLASH News



Hello everyone,

We will be holding a Mothers Day Afternoon Tea on Friday 8th March where you will be able to come into school and have lunch with your child/children.

There will also be an opportunity to have a take away boxed afternoon tea if you prefer.

The cost will be £8 Slips will be with you early next week for you to pre order if you so wish.

There will be limited numbers and two sittings.

For more information please email Lbennison89@gmail.com. Or telephone school 01255 424412 and ask for Lesley Crowe

Best Wishes,

Louise and all the splash team.

Raffle

Splash valentines raffle. a chance to win a bottle of rosé, a bottle of prosecco, a big box of guylian chocolates and a £25 just eat voucher.50p a ticket or 5 for £2 please send in any money clearly marked what it is for, in an envelope, to school please! winner will be drawn on a live Facebook feed (Shorefields School PTA and Events) on Monday 12th February. All profits go to splash



Edith Elms Special Schools Trust

Funding available via application—this can be accessed via our school website

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 on the school website, parent/carer tab, if you wish to apply for funding.

Meetings are held in February, May and October

The next meeting is on 15th Feb- applications must be with the school office no later than Wed 7th Feb.

School Menu- Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Option 1	Pork & Apple burger with Potato Puffs	Sausage Roll & Mash	Roast chicken, sage & onion stuffing Yorkshire pudding & roast potatoes	Spaghetti Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Omega 3 fish fingers & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Tomato pasta bake	Quorn Dippers served with new potatoes	Cheesy beans in a Yorkshire pudding, sage & onion stuffing & roast potatoes	Jacket Potato With Cheese & Beans or Tuna Mayo	Ham, egg & chips
Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Cabbage & carrots	Cauliflower & mixed vegetables	Broccoli & sweetcorn	Spaghetti hoops
	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar
Dessert/ Pudding	Jam sponge & custard	Fresh fruit pots or angel delight	Plum pudding & custard	Fruit smoothie	Home made muffin

Good News Friday

We are pleased offer our congratulations to Kerry Strutt, (class teacher), who has had a beautiful baby girl this week called Olive. Mum and baby are both doing very well.

Pier 2 class - have been studying body awareness and one student has been communicating "more" when experiencing hair brushing.

Pier 3 class - have been working on mixing colours and the whole class have been enjoying using the light board.

Pier 1 class - a student has walked in class for the first time this week and another pupil has been using the communication switch.

Pier 5 class - 2 pupils have been using excellent language skills.

Sunshine 5 class - one pupil has experienced trying a range of different foods.

Sunshine 4 class - enjoyed a walk to Asda.

Beach 2 class - one pupil went to the barber's and coped very well with the new experience.

PE - one pupil has been communicating "more" whilst trampolining.

Sunshine 2 class - pupil behaviour has improved.

Pier 4 class - good vocalisations for communication, exploring resources with a pupil, another pupil focusing on new resources and exploring them briefly.

Beach 4 class - enjoyed swimming and are growing in confidence in the water.

Beach 3 class - the class enjoyed Colour Scape on Friday, particularly using the microphone. One student said the day, date and month.

Sunshine 3 class - success with toilet training this week for one student.

Careers - SEND Forward Transition Event from last week was a huge success !!



Train Tickets

Leah is collecting used train tickets for an art project - if anyone has some that they can donate it would be greatly appreciated.



Makaton Sign of The Week- Lucky



General Updates

Please can we request that all parents and carers leave their vehicle, where able, to hand over or receive their child at the beginning and end of day. Please wait to use the parking bays directly in front of the school for safety. Thank you

Upcoming Events



For Families with Children & Adults with Additional
needs & Disabilities

Saturday 10th February 2024

10.30 am

Lunch Included

Venue—Christ Church URC, Carnarvon Road Clacton
CO15 6PH

Contact Trish Hahn 07703846678

OFFER EXTENDED!

VISIT FROM
£10 PER PERSON*
UNTIL 16TH FEBRUARY

Enjoy a family day out for less with fantastic undercover areas and delicious hot drinks to keep you warm as you embark on a wild adventure!

CLICK TO BOOK TICKETS

*Offer valid from 1st January - 16th February 2024.
Price dependant on day of visit. Ts and Cs apply.





Take a JOURNEY on our
Lost Madagascar Road Train...



Book your FREE session at our
indoor soft play, Jungle Tumble.



Duck undercover and build
volcanoes at DISCOVERY DEN.



Tendring Families First
Charity

PRESENTS

QUATTRO AMICI



THE ACCLAIMED QUARTET OF CLASSICAL VOCALISTS ACCOMPANIED BY THE INIMITABLE JOE RICHARDSON ON THE KEYBOARD. BRINGING YOU AN ECLECTIC PROGRAMME OF MUSIC FROM CONTEMPORARY TO CLASSICAL OPERA TO OPERETTA, MUSICAL THEATRE TO FILMS. JOINING QUATTRO AMICI FOR ONE NIGHT ARE THE CHILDREN FROM MILLFIELDS PRIMARY & BROOMGROVE JUNIOR SCHOOL CHOIRS

WIVENHOE HOUSE HOTEL

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

TICKETS ARE LIMITED TO ADULTS ONLY DUE TO SPACE

BAR OPENS AT 6:30 PM ADULT PRICE £12.00 TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM 7PM - 9PM

WWW.TENDRINGFAMILIESFIRST.ORG/DONATE



Join like minded parents to help you to feel good!

There will be refreshments, activities and monthly guest speakers to help you improve your emotional wellbeing.

Every Friday

(starting 8th September 2017)

**Jaywick Community Resource Centre
10am—11.30am**

For more info contact EXTRA on 01255 475001 or just drop in anytime



Email: admin@extrasupportforfamilies.co.uk

www.extrasupportforfamilies.co.uk



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Essex Autism Project

inc. Southend & Thurrock

A newsletter for local organisations

February 2024

Monthly update

This month our main focus has been creating content for the new website. We have been putting prototypes together and looking at ways we can make the service user friendly across all types of devices. We continue to work closely with our parent/ carer and young people's steering groups. Co-production webinars are also ongoing for families who are unable to contribute to a steering group. Family feedback shapes everything that we do and we are incredibly grateful to them for giving us their time and ideas.



Co-production progress

We have now completed the following co-production cycles:

- **Topics:** What should the final topic list be?
- **Webinars:** How should they run?
- **Website:** What should it look like?
- **Signposting:** What do you need us to include?
- **Website sneak preview 1:** Does it work well?
- **Safeguarding & privacy plans:** What do you think?



We would love to hear feedback from more families. They have the option of completing our surveys and attending our co-production webinars. Please direct them to our website to find out more and register to attend.

- **Paper workbook - Mon 5th Feb**
How should we arrange it?
- **Website sneak preview 2 - Thu 22nd Feb**
Try it out and feedback!
- **Webinars - Fri 8th Mar**
What do you think of our final plans?
- **The pilot phase - Wed 27th Mar**
What happens next?



Website

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

Email

autismessex@kids.org.uk



Filming with our families

In January we began filming with our families to create videos that will support our written content. Families have fed back that they are keen to hear from other people in a similar position to them. Our parent/carers and young people are experts through experience, so we have given them the chance to tell their stories and talk about strategies that have worked for them.

We are working with a very experienced film production company to shoot and edit the films. Staff at the company worked with the BBC for many years and have previously made films with disabled people for broadcast on television and for the Kids Young People's Hub.

We are now halfway through filming and our parent/carers and young people are doing an absolutely amazing job. They are incredibly keen to share their stories with others. The key message from our filming families is that they want to help those who are currently in a situation like they were a few years ago. They have achieved so much and have a lot to be proud of.

We feel honoured to be able to capture our families' experiences for others to see. It is an absolute joy working with them and we thank them for their commitment and contributions. We know that their videos will go a long way in supporting other families and we cannot wait to share them once the service launches.



FAQs

What will the referral process for families be?

Plans for this are almost sorted and will be shared with you before the service launches.

Are you still on track for April?

Yes. The service is currently due to launch in April 2024. The exact date will be confirmed soon.

[Kids.org.uk](https://kids.org.uk)



Essex Library Service

Winter Reading Challenge



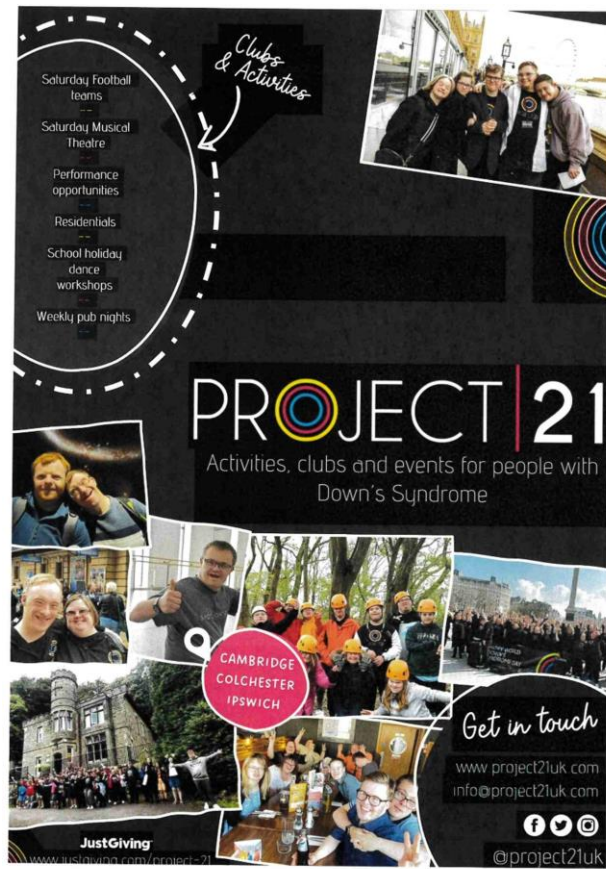
**Saturday
25 November
to Saturday
3 February**



**Travel around the world with Lyra this
winter and meet lots of new animal friends!**

Collect your booklet from any Essex library.







Autism Empowerment Webinar. This one-hour lunch.me webinar is a brief exploration of how Autism can present, the history of Autism, diagnosis as well as differences in communication and social interaction. We will also be looking at how the environment can impact on someone with sensory processing challenges. The main aim of this webinar is to focus on the many strengths autistic individuals have and how we can increase understanding and Neuro-inclusivity through education and raising awareness. Webinars are held on Zoom on the following dates: Thursday 29th February 12:30 to 13:30 Friday 29th March 12:30 to 13:30 Friday 26th April 12:30 to 13:30 At the end of the webinar, you will receive a certificate of attendance that will be emailed to your given email address. The cost of this one-hour webinar is only £5.50! To book your place on the webinar please either scan the QR code or go to: www.theautismtrainingnetwork.com/training

Free Confidential Legal Advice for Families





FREE CONFIDENTIAL LEGAL ADVICE FOR FAMILIES

**Has your relationship broken down?
Issues Concerning Children?**

We are pleased to be working with Essex University Law Clinic to provide a local school based confidential law clinic, to provide legal advice and information on a wide variety of issues affecting families, such as divorce and contact with children.

All advice is given by University of Essex law students in strictest confidence under supervision.

FRIDAY 1st March 2024 – AM

BROOMGROVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

by appointment only, No drop ins.

Appointments will be offered following submission of referral form
please pick up a referral form from the school office or call:

Tendring Families First - 07944333685

Organised by **Tendring Families First** in collaboration with the **Essex Law Clinic**

Please complete the form below and return to by email to info@tendringfamiliesfirst.org

Client's name (and any other used names):		
Client's address: (Specify if correspondence address is different.)		
Email address:		
Telephone Number(s):		
Can the Law Clinic leave a message on any answering machine for these numbers? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No May we send you a text message to confirm your appointment 24 in advance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Can Tendring Families First and the Law Clinic share your information with external legal advisors, if we cannot address your legal needs in house? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Area(s) of Law: <input type="checkbox"/> housing <input type="checkbox"/> family <input type="checkbox"/> employment <input type="checkbox"/> consumer <input type="checkbox"/> equality issues <input type="checkbox"/> immigration <input type="checkbox"/> welfare benefits <input type="checkbox"/> contract <input type="checkbox"/> negligence <input type="checkbox"/> other The Essex Law Clinic does not provide help on crime or debt.		
Nature of your situation: Please use the box below to explain the situation you would like advice on. Please include any relevant details and the main questions you are looking for further advice on.		
Name and address of opponent ex Partner (Mandatory. We will not contact but we need to do conflict checks):		
Has a solicitor already been instructed on this matter?	Y	N
Have you been in receipt of any Legal Aid for this matter?	Y	N
Do you have any special requirements that we need to be aware of to support you when you attend the Law Clinic (wheelchair, etc.)? Will you require a translator (if so, which languages)?		
Preferred appointment Time AM:		

We require names and addresses in order to confirm there is no conflict of interest with the supervisors and the students. Email will be used to offer appointment dates and further correspondence. Phone may be used for urgent concerns, for example if you are late at the appointment. Be assured all details provided will be stored confidentially within the Essex Law Cli

Our Designated Safeguarding Team



Have a lovely weekend!