



Milborne Port SEND Bulletin

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Wow, what a year we have had at Milborne Port Primary School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful parents and carers that attended the two SEND coffee mornings/afternoons. I have really enjoyed them. I hope you did too.

If you missed them, then please do not worry. I will be contacting you in the autumn term to let you know what our next meeting is about. I am also hoping to secure a speech therapist this time.

You should have also received the new transition booklets for your children. These can be used as a social story over the holidays, as a reminder of the school premises, or as a means of support as the holidays start to close.

Also, a letter was sent on Friday 7th July. This details an extra transition day that may be needed for your child. Please make sure that the replies are back to the school office ASAP so I can organise the times with the new class teachers.

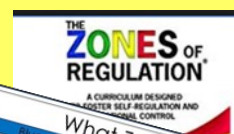
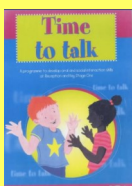
Just a reminder, autumn term targets will be reviewed and discussed in the first couple of weeks back, once the children have settled in with their new class teachers.

All that is left to say, is have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in the autumn term. Miss Danyali, SENDCo

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT INTERVENTIONS

Did you know that the children at Milborne Port Primary School are extremely lucky to receive additional support, if needed, in a variety of curriculum areas? We have a number of new English, Mathematics, Speech and Language, and Social and Emotional interventions that take place across the school. See below for more information.

In addition, in the next academic year, we will be adding in even more for the children. Keep your eyes posted for more information.



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Top tens tip for parenting

1. Build yourself and your child a community.
2. Be your child's advocate; you need to draw on others who are ahead of you to know what needs to be done next.
3. What seems to be the problem is rarely the reason for the behaviour, it is often just a focus for control and an indication that your child is feeling anxious/overwhelmed
4. Find what works for you; there's always a way forward, however small.
5. Stand firm on your non-negotiables.
6. What's important **for** them versus what's important **to** them.
7. What's the primary function of any activity?
8. School and realistic expectations.
9. Recognise overload and take a breath.
10. Trust your instincts. If it doesn't feel right, it's usually not right.



More information to come in the autumn term regarding this.

Other helpful SEND links from the Somerset Local offer page

1. Young Somerset: Young Somerset is the primary voluntary and community sector youth work organisation in Somerset and their mission is to put young people first. Their vision is delivered through three strands of work: targeted youth support, alternative learning provision and enterprise, and mental health and wellbeing support.

2. Children's short breaks: Short breaks give disabled children and young people time away from their carers to try out new things, have fun and make new friends.

3. Finding Your Way support group: Finding Your Way provides helpful information about local services for children aged 0 to 14 who have any additional need, special educational need (SEN) and disability. It will help parents and carers understand the options and services available to them. **Contact details:** Help@SomersetParentCarerForum.org.uk

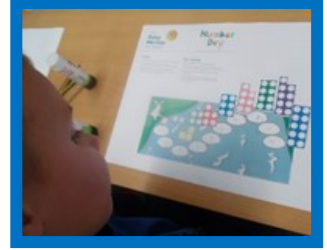
4. Somerset Parent Carer Forum (SPCF): They are an independent non-profit Community Interest Company formed by parent carers in 2016. They meet once each half term and consist of parent carers, so together we have a stronger voice for special needs. They work alongside Somerset County Council and NHS Somerset to have a better understanding of SEND needs in Somerset. They run coffee mornings (Finding Your Way- see above), loan out resource books, etc. Your child DOES NOT need a diagnosis for you to gain and get support.

5. Somerset SENDIAS: This is a free and impartial service for children and young people with SEND (aged 0-25) and their parent carers. They offer general SEND information, advice and support by email and telephone.



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

SEND at Milborne Port Primary School is going from strength-to-strength and I would like to take this opportunity to say a big **THANK YOU** to our parents/ carers. Without your support, we would not have achieved the successes so far. I look forward to working with you in the next academic year.



SEND surgeries

As of September 2023, Milborne Port Primary School will be holding SEND surgeries.

These are pre-bookable meetings that you can attend with the SENDCo. Your child does not have to be on the SEND register or have a special educational need or disability to attend one of these.

If you would like to discuss your child's progress or have any questions regarding inclusion at Milborne Port Primary School, then booking will take place in the autumn term. Dates and times to be confirmed.

SEND email address

I am happy to announce that as of September 2023, we will have a separate SEND email addresses for SEND. One is for the primary school and one is for our pre-school (The Beeches).

*****Please DO NOT use these until September 2023 as they will not be live****

SEND@MPPrimary.co.uk (Milborne Port Primary School)

Beeches.SEND@MPPrimary.co.uk (The Beeches Pre-school)

Diary Dates

September

6th September - Return to school

29th September (9AM) - SEND coffee morning

Sep/Oct— SEND one page planning and SEND target meetings held by the class teachers with parents/ carers

TBC— SEND surgeries