



SEND newsletter

Autumn term 2024



Welcome to our very first Amotherby school SEND newsletter! This termly newsletter will address all things related to SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). This issue focuses on important dates happening within school and provides information on a course to support parents and carers with children who may have avoidant or restrictive diets.

Useful information:

The school SEND policy and SEND information report can be found on our school website:

<https://www.amotherbyprimary.co.uk/send/>

Links to other services and resources can also be found on the school website.

SENDIASS offers free, impartial advice for parents and carers:

<https://sendiassnorthyorkshire.co.uk/>

The North Yorkshire SEND local offer provides links and resources for parents and carers:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer>

SEND support plans

Our staff are busy creating new SEND support plans. These will contain the pupil passport cover page with your child's voice as well as the targets we will be working on over the Autumn term. Staff will soon be in contact to share these with you and your child.

Meet the SENDCO



Kim Cooper

Some of you may have met me already, as I have worked at Amotherby primary school for the past 13 years. I teach in class 4 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and on Thursday and Friday I am busy with my other roles: Assistant headteacher, SENDCO and deputy safeguarding lead. Working with children who have additional needs is a passion of mine and something which I have had the pleasure to do since I took up the SENDCO role 3 years ago.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or for further information regarding SEND related matters.

Important dates

ADHD Awareness Month

October serves as a time to celebrate the difference found in neurodiversity while also advocating for new perspectives and better support systems.

<https://www.adhdawarenessmonth.org/>

Sensory Awareness Month

October is Sensory Awareness Month. Research has estimated that 1 in 6 children in the classroom display sensory processing differences, making it difficult for them to engage and learn. The rate is much higher in children with special needs with 32% showing sensory differences.

<https://www.twentyonesenses.org/2020/10/01/october-is-spd-awareness-month/#:~:text=October%20is%20SPD%20Awareness%20Month>

2nd - 8th October 2024

Dyslexia Awareness Week

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/>

13th-19th October 2024

Dyspraxia Awareness Week

<https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/dyspraxia-awareness-week-2024/>

18TH OCTOBER 2024

Developmental Language Disorder Awareness Day

<https://radld.org/#:~:text=DLD%20Awareness%20Day,language%20for%20no%20known%20reason.>

3rd December 2024

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

<https://idpwd.org/>

Supporting Children who are Picky Eaters or Avoidant/Restrictive

Thursday 28th November 3.15pm – 4.45pm

This free, online workshop discusses the difference between picky eating and avoidant/restrictive eating, how to identify children with these difficulties and ideas and strategies that may help.

For parents/carers and professionals across the York/Selby/Scarborough/Whitby/Ryedale area.

Please email [yhs-](mailto:yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net)

tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net to book a place – please note limited number of attendees for this course.

SEND coffee meeting



We would like to invite parents and carers to our Autumn term coffee meeting. A meeting where parents and carers can network with others, find out information and celebrate the successes of our children.

Our next coffee meeting will be held on **Thursday 7th November from 2:30pm.**

Come and join us for a cuppa, piece of cake and a chat about transition.