



Welcome to the first edition of Barcroft's SEN Newsletter. I hope that you are all well and looking forward to the Christmas break!

I want to introduce myself and let you know that I am currently working hard to support all the children here at Barcroft. My name is Mrs Lines and I have been in Education for over 20 years!



I work at Beacon Primary school but since September I have been supporting Mr Drew with the SEND provision at Barcroft. In January 2022 I will be splitting my week across the two schools.

I am always available to speak to if you have any concerns or worries. You can drop me an email or give me a call anytime. If I am not available the office will take a message and I will call you back.

I hope that you find time to relax and spend some quality time with friends and family. It is such an important thing to do especially with how things have been recently. I will be enjoying lots of hot chocolate drinks during the holiday!

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What's New!

The LA has lots of support and is now offering workshops. This one is called 'This Is Me' and is open to parents/carers to explore and understand their child's behaviour if they have AUTISM/ADHD or on a diagnosis pathway.

THIS IS ME: Understanding my behaviours as I have different needs

Workshops for parents/carers to explore and understand their child's behaviour if they have AUTISM/ADHD or on a diagnosis pathway.

Written by Dr Melanie Bruce and Dr Stephanie Summers: Clinical Psychologists NCH&C

All sessions delivered virtually, so you can attend from the comfort of your own home.

Session One:

- Introduction by Dr Mel Bruce
- Understanding your child's needs
- Needs and behaviours

Session Two:

- Introducing the bucket model
- Observing behaviour

Session Three:

- This Is Me plan
- Completing a plan

Session Four:

- Effective communication

Session Five:

- Dealing with sensory issues
- Routine praise and rewards

Session Six:

- Understanding meltdowns
- Repair, reflect and restore



"Thank you for providing families with so much brilliant information and resources they otherwise wouldn't know about. It's been eye opening and interesting to take part in the sessions, I really appreciate the work you are doing and the help and knowledge you provide"- parent attending workshop

"The workshops have helped me change my approach to my son, I took a step back and observed him, stopped nagging him and allowed him to do things "choosing my battles"- Parent attending workshop

For more information please contact:
 Helping Hands Walsall
 Email: helpinghandswalsall@family-action.org.uk
 One of the team will get back to you within 5 days.



Watch this space for our coffee morning event. As soon as we can do this, I will arrange a Friday once each term to meet up with you and we can have a catch up!



External Professional - SEN Support Team



Hello! My name is Becky Hadley and I am the Head of Service at NIAT. My role at Barcroft is to work alongside the SENCO and teachers to enhance their inclusion provision for all pupils.

Pupil and parent voice is very important to us. We like to find out pupil strengths, what is important to and important for them, their hopes, dreams and aspirations and their personal differences that might make learning tricky. Once we have this information, we share some targets and strategies to help make learning easier and more accessible.

I look forward to working with your wonderful children.



Have a fantastic Christmas break, stay safe and spend some quality time with your child/children.

Mrs S Lines



Why I love my job!



Hello, my name is Mrs Edwards, I am a class teacher at Barcroft Primary. I have worked closely with the SEN team for the last 5 years.

I have worked in lots of different year groups. I have been phase leader for Lower and upper Key Stage 2 and most recently took on the role of phase leader for Key Stage One. These roles have allowed me to see and understand the dynamics of the whole school and most importantly get to know the wonderful children and parents across all year groups at Barcroft!

I love my job, teaching is a privilege and it brings something new every day, the children never cease to amaze me in class.

Many of you already know me well, but for those who don't my role is to support the nurture and wellbeing within school for pupils, parents and staff. I am the Senior Mental Health Lead and I am looking forward to developing this area to further support the wide range of needs of our school community. I am also a Mental Health First Aider which enables me to talk to pupils to support them with areas that are concerning them and to find support and help where needed.

I feel privileged to be able to hold these roles and to get to know children and families well. I am always here to talk and no problem or concern is too big or too small. It's good to talk!

Mrs F Edwards