

Resource Base Newsletter



Mrs Bi, Ms Bi, Mr Jordan, Miss Anderson, Mrs Begum,
Mrs Kausar and Mrs Pitt

Wednesday 15th December 2021

'Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great.' John D. Rockefeller

Resource Base Review

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past half-term, the Primary Senior Leadership Team have reviewed the provision offered in Resource Base and have been able to implement some positive changes to the model offered.

Instead of receiving half a day's access to the Resource Base, each pupil's timetable has been revised to offer a more bespoke curriculum. This change means that for some pupils, access to the Resource Base and the amount of time they are able to access the small, focused provision has increased.

We are in the very fortunate position to currently be able to offer our pupils a ratio of 2 pupils to every adult. While this is not set in stone, the benefits of operating on this intimate scale are justified based on the pupils' current needs. Along with the newsletter, please find attached your child's personalised timetable. This is open to change and following the graduated approach outlined in the SEN Code of Practice, may change again depending on each child's development.

As part of the review of provision for your children, staff working in the Resource Base have been able to benefit from ongoing continual professional



development training. This is in addition to the weekly INSET training all staff receive. Resource Base colleagues have been supported by specific autism training and have had supplementary training into delivering speech and language therapy sessions so that pupils can receive daily intervention delivered by Resource Base staff. This training will continue into the Spring term, with further opportunities being made available to colleagues to continually improve their knowledge and the provision available for your children in the Resource Base.

SEND meetings for the first Spring half term will be sent home after the break so please look out for the documentation and thank you for your commitment to attending these meetings– we are very appreciative of the kind words parents share at these meetings but more importantly for parents coming to remain aware of where their child is in their educational journey.

The focus for the next meeting will be how we are delivering speech and language intervention for your child in school and strategies to support you consolidate this practise at home.

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Parents are encouraged to communicate with school and tell us of any changes or updates that have occurred at home. Please remember that we appreciate this dialogue and it helps us to understand why pupils may be acting differently or may need an extra cuddle! We endorse the use of the resources at our disposal including the Home Communication Books, the Pupil Planners and the daily interaction with staff to keep us in the loop. If these options are not suitable for you, please do contact school using the contact details listed at the bottom of the newsletter.

We want to support you and your child so please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will do our utmost to help.

Mrs Pitt

Primary SENCo

SEND Support

Important workshops to be aware of include:

- Friday 17th December 10:00–11:00 am:

Birmingham Early Help Offer Awareness Webinar

- Wednesday 12th January 9:00–10:00 am:

SALT parent workshops for EYFS & KS1 pupils at Waverley School.

- Wednesday 19th January 2:00–3:00 pm:

SALT parent workshops for KS2 pupils at Waverley School.



Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website for further details. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

Birmingham Early Help Offer Awareness

Speaker:

Amina Mushtaq - From Barnardo's

Join the session to learn what Early Help Offer is and how it can help children and families in Birmingham. The session will provide insight into the kind of help available for parents and children and quick self-referral process.

Friday 17th December 10:00 - 11:00am

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/birmingham-early-help-offer-awareness-17th-december-2021-10am/>

All people who book a ticket will be sent a copy of the presentation and a copy of the recording of the Webinar.



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Diversity

Waverley School's motto 'Learning through Diversity' is embedded in everything that we do at school: from our core values of Humanity, Aspiration, Equality and Respect to the religious festivals we celebrate. This half-term, pupils have been exposed to the Jewish festival of Hanukkah and have been able to enjoy a special Hanukkah themed lunch, as well as exploring the true meaning of Christmas for Christians. This even included taking a virtual trip to a cathedral to find out what happens during the special Christmas services.

Music

The additional provision the Resource Base benefit from continued for the second half of the autumn term, with the focus for being preparation for Christmas. Pupils have learned, practised and sang Christmas carols with Ms Brookes and Mrs Harding– we hope they have been continuing this at home too! Each and every single week, the pupils really look forward to seeing their Music teachers and we know that this is a true highlight of the week.



Children In Need

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed coming to school dressed in spots and stripes for Children in Need and a whopping £338.36 was raised to support the charity. Thank you to all our pupils and parents for supporting this excellent cause. Pupils in the Resource Base had great fun preparing a HUGE Pudsey Bear mural.



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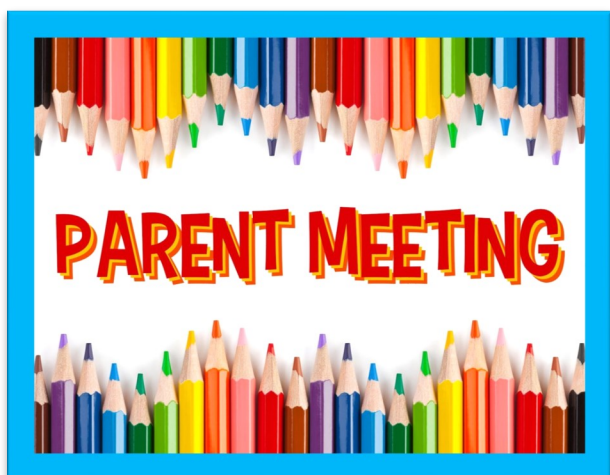


Parent Meetings

Over the past two half-terms, all parents have been offered after school appointments with Resource Base staff members and with class teachers. The focus of the meetings was to ensure parents are aware of which staff members are working with their child, understand their child's timetable and the support that they will be receiving through the personalised timetables. We have also been able to discuss any personal concerns and share strategies on how to support pupils develop Maths skills.

We are keen to continue this good practice as parents have feedback on how they have been able to work closely with their child at home using the provided techniques. This is fantastic as it is consolidating work completed in the classroom and supporting the acquisition of knowledge as it is committed to the long term memory.

Letters for the next set of appointments will be distributed after the holiday.



Dates for your Diary...

Friday 17th December 12:15 finish

End of the Autumn term

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Friday 17th December 10:00– 11:00 am:

Birmingham Early Help Offer Awareness Webinar

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Tuesday 4th January

Teacher Training Day

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Wednesday 5th January: Spring 1 Term Begins

All pupils are due back in school

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Wednesday 12th January

Year 1 Parent Workshop 3:20– 4:00

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EYFS Phonics Parent Workshop 3:20– 4:00

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Friday 11th February

Safer Internet Day

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