

# Burlington Junior School

## SEND Newsletter



28th April 2022 - No:1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first SEND Newsletter. Its aim is to keep all SEND parents up to date with important information regarding SEND at our school. It will also include some of the amazing learning achievements from the children at school, along with important dates, workshops and activities that may be of interest to parents, carers and children. We hope you will find it useful and informative.

### Useful information and Dates for your diary

**SEND Parent Coffee Morning:** Thursday 28th April at 9.30am (See attached flyer)

The aim of the coffee morning is to raise the profile of the **Kingston Local Offer** so that parents can access useful resources and information and the opportunity to meet other parents.

For more information regarding the Kingston Local Offer please click [HERE](#)

**Friday 13th May:** Year 3 & 4 maths curriculum parent workshop 9:00 - 9:30 am

**Friday 20th May:** Year 5 & 6 maths curriculum parent workshop 9:00- 9:30 am

**Termly SEN meetings**

**Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th June:** Year 3 SEN meetings

**Thursday 30th June & Wednesday 6th July:** Year 4 SEN meetings

**Monday 4th July:** Year 5 SEN meetings

**'Being a Parent' upcoming peer led parenting groups:** Achieving for Children are offering a free parent group for parents and carers of primary school aged children starting next month in 3 locations, [Ham](#), [Kingston](#) and [Surbiton](#). The group is aimed at parents and carers of children aged 3-10 ideally and will be starting next month. The groups are being delivered by trained Parent volunteers.



### Results of our SEN survey in December 2021

Parents were surveyed following their SEN meeting, there were some cancellations due to child or parent being off with Covid 19.



**78.8%** of SEN parents say their child is happy in school, none indicate they are unhappy.

**9.6%** of SEN parents noted their child has found it hard to return following lockdown.

**63.5%** saying they settled back well following lockdown.

**78.8%** of parents feel their child is well supported in school.

**84%** feel their child is making academic progress.

**78.8%** find the pupil passports useful.

**88.5%** find the termly meetings informative.

**52.9%** said they found the Emotional Workshop very helpful, and **47%** said it was OK .

**55.8%** do not know about AFC local offer

**51.9%** do not look at the SEN information report and policy on the website \*

**Other information** – requests for more parent workshops, maths support.

**\*We would like parents to look at our SEN policy and SEN information report so let us know if you are interested.**

## Seeking your views about commissioning a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)

Did you know that you have access to a free, impartial and confidential Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service? A service that is also offered directly to young people aged 16+?

In Kingston and Richmond, this service is provided by "KIDS", a national charity which provides a number of these services across the country.

The current contract is due to expire 31 March 2023, so we are consulting to understand what parents and carers and children and young people want the future provision to look like.

As part of this process some consultation has already taken place in Richmond. This was led by the Richmond Parent Carer Forum.

Achieving for Children are leading on further consultation in Kingston but also welcome comments from Richmond parents who would like to add their views.

[Read more details and find out how to take part](#)

This part of the consultation will close on 6 June.

Thank you for helping to shape the future of this service.



**NSPCC** The **NSPCC** provide help and support for children and families and work closely with schools and professionals. If you would like help, advice or general information, you can access their website by clicking [Here](#)

A study is being conducted, at St Mary's University, investigating the effects of a probiotic drink on behaviour, sleep and the microbiome in children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Research suggests that optimising gut bacteria in ADHD patients may help alleviate their symptoms via the gut-brain-axis. The consumption of a probiotic fermented drink has been found to positively influence composition of gut bacteria. The purpose of this study is to assess the effect of six weeks daily probiotic drink consumption on symptoms such as hyperactivity, sleep disturbance and attention which are associated with ADHD.

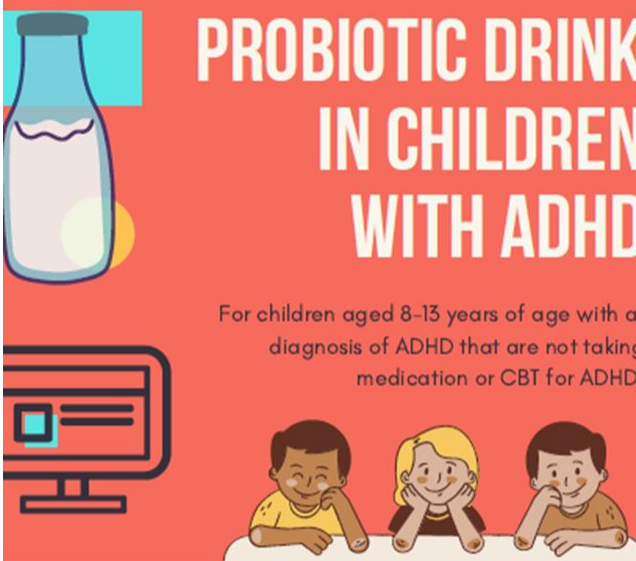
They are currently recruiting participants for the study aged between 8-13 years of age with a diagnosis of ADHD that are not taking medication or CBT. The duration of the study is 6 weeks (+ 1 week of testing prior to consuming the drinks).

If you are interested in signing up or receiving more information, please email [ADHDresearch@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:ADHDresearch@stmarys.ac.uk)

A six week randomised controlled trial

# THE EFFECTS OF A PROBIOTIC DRINK IN CHILDREN WITH ADHD

For children aged 8-13 years of age with a diagnosis of ADHD that are not taking medication or CBT for ADHD



**St Mary's University**  
Twickenham  
London

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
email: [ADHDresearch@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:ADHDresearch@stmarys.ac.uk)



# SEND Parent Coffee Morning



We would like you to join us on

Thursday 28th April 2022

at 9.30am

for a SEND parent coffee morning

Rob Harris from Achieving for Children will be joining us, providing information and advice, along with the school SENCo and Family Liaison Officer

It will be a great opportunity for you to meet other parents, share experiences and relax!

*We hope you are able to come along*

