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3rd May 2024

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Dear Families,

Thank you to all our children, families and staff who bought books at the fantastic Book Fair a couple of weeks ago. After calculating all of the costs we have a terrific £557.32 to spend on books for the school!

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Rainbow Special Educational Needs Unit

Earlier this week you will have received a notice advising you that we are planning to expand our special needs unit for children with Autism Syndrome Disorder in September, this will provide an additional 6 places. As part of the process I am including the Statutory Proposal Notice for establishing a Designated Unit at the end of my newsletter this week. This will allow you to comment on the proposal if you would like to.

A date for your diary!





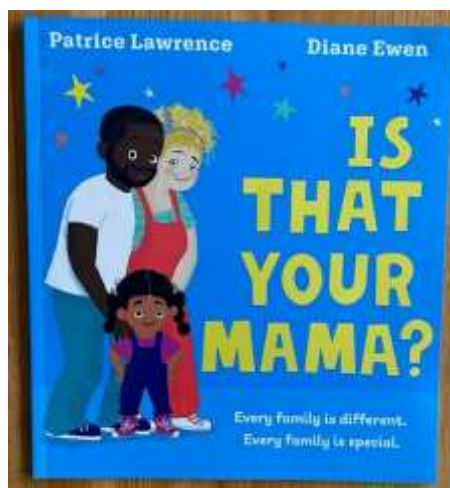
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Our book recommendation this week...



A wonderful book about family. When Josie shares her worries with her family, they find a way to help her see what **truly** matters. Is That Your Mama? By Patrice Lawrence and Diane Ewen.

Thank you to Blue Class - our recommenders!!!

Attendance Success!

A huge well done this week to **Purple class** with an impressive **99.31%**.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and we will see you all on Tuesday from 8.30am.

Yours sincerely,

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Statutory Proposal Notice for expanding a Designated Unit 1st May 2024

This statutory proposal is for expanding a Designated Unit (Unit) for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder at Fleecefield Primary School from 1st September 2024 within Enfield Local Authority (LA).

The proposed Unit will have 16 Local Authority places for pupils with EHCPs and 2 discretionary places for pupils who are currently on roll at the school, in agreement with parents/carers (An additional 6 places from 1st September 2024). Local Authority places will be allocated by the LA's SEN Service after formal consultation with the school.

One of the priorities within the Council's [SEND Strategy \(2023 – 2027\)](#) is to identify needs early and provide the right support, in the right place at the right time (Priority 2). This means making sure all our children and young people receive an excellent education, and their needs are effectively met in an education setting or environment that is right for them. Wherever possible, this should be in a local mainstream setting. To support this, we are using our data and knowledge to accurately plan the right number of places, this includes increasing the number of [Specially Resourced Provisions \(SRPs\)](#) and [Designated Units \(Units\)](#) in mainstream schools to meet high demand for places. Further information about SRPs and Units can be found in the [Position Paper for Specialist Provisions](#).

The Local Authority SRP/Unit Panel, which is made up of different professionals within the SEN Partnership, has reviewed and approved the school's application for the provision in principle and deems that the school has the expertise and facilities to meet the needs of pupils with SEND.

If the Unit is established at Fleecefield Primary School it will:

- Support pupils with SEND and offer differentiated access to the mainstream curriculum
- Increase the inclusion of pupils with SEND so that they can participate in school life and prepare for a positive future
- Enhance the expertise of staff resulting in improved educational standards
- Provide increased parental choice of provisions within mainstream schools
- Raise achievement of pupils placed within the provision by providing specific, clearly targeted additional resources
- Prevent the need for pupils to be allocated costly placements within independent and/or out of borough special schools

Implications of establishing a SRP/Unit* for other educational institutions in the area will be:

- For schools with SRPs/Units* there may be increased competition for specialist provision places when vacancies arise due to increased parental choice, however this is not anticipated to be a problem as places within SRPs/Units* are quickly filled





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- Increased options for parents/carers at primary/secondary* transfer and for those in other local schools where more specialist provision may be needed

The cost of establishing the Unit will be funded through the designated schools budget high needs grant. This will be cost effective for the Local Authority as placements within Units allow pupils to remain in an inclusive mainstream school in their local community. This reduces the need for out of borough and/or independent special school places and associated travel costs.

The proposed date of expanding the provision is 1st September 2024. Consultations for places will take place from 1st June 2024 and will continue until all places are filled. Transition of pupils into the provision will be staggered to ensure that pupils are settled and can understand and follow routines before additional pupils begin to attend.

Anyone wishing to express their support/objection and comments about this proposal should complete this Google Form <https://forms.gle/gNcNkqYmX3sdvwQd7>. If you are unable to complete the Google Form, please email officemanager@fleecefield.enfield.sch.uk with Response to Statutory Proposal in the subject line of the email to express your support/objection and comments. All responses will be shared with the school and Children First Academy Trust. The Local Authority SRP/Unit panel will be responsible for reviewing the responses and making a final decision about establishing the SRP/Unit. This decision must be made within two months of the end of the representation period. The decision will be published on the school website within one week of the decision being made.

A copy of this proposal can be obtained by emailing the School Office office@fleecefield.enfield.sch.uk.

The representation period will run from 1st May 2024 to 23rd May 2024.

