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**Education Outreach for Children with Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN)**

Welcome to the first of our newsletters. At the start of each term we will be sending out a newsletter covering a wide range of topics. Practical ideas and information will be included, and we will be signposting training opportunities and resources.

The Service has been in operation since September. Establishing a new service in the middle of a pandemic has brought its own challenges but the team has been working inventively and flexibly.

**About us:**

We are a team of speech and language therapists, specialist outreach teachers and communication support workers for SLCN who have a range of experience in SEND and, in particular, speech, language and communication, across all phases of education.

**Working with parents and families:**

We are delighted to be working closely with SENDIASS to deliver coffee mornings/evenings for parents of children with SLCN. The next date is Jan 21st, 2021. Parents can book through Eventbrite.

SENDIASS and the Specialist Education Service for Pupils with Speech, Language and Communication Needs invite you to join us over a cuppa, exploring language games to play with your child at home.

This is the first in a short series of relaxed online ‘coffee mornings’ (repeated in the evening) aiming to help your child with speaking and listening.

**Session One:** **Games for Listening and Attention.**

**21stJanuary 2021, 10am – 11am or 6pm – 7pm**



We will be working with our colleagues in SENDIASS to roll out a series of relaxed sessions for parents over the coming year.

**Training for schools:**

**ELKLAN Speech and Language Support for 5 – 11s**

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After a gap in training delivery, we are offering the ELKLAN 5-11 speech and language course in the Spring Term. This accredited training is suitable for SENCos, teacher assistants and teachers. It provides information and strategies to develop the communication skills of all children but especially those with speech, language and communication needs. It equips schools with innovative tools and methods to enhance children’s learning in the classroom and promotes quality first teaching, enabling schools to work towards Elklan’s Communication Friendly Schools accreditation.

Course details

The course is delivered over ten weekly sessions:

1. **WHAT IS COMMUNICATION?**
2. **IMPROVING LISTENING, ATTENTION AND INDEPENDENT LEARNING SKILLS**
3. **LISTENING, MEMORY AND UNDERSTANDING SPOKEN LANGUAGE**
4. **MODIFYING ADULTS’ SPEECH TO HELP A CHILD UNDERSTAND LANGUAGE**
5. **UNDERSTANDING BEYOND SIMPLE SENTENCES**
6. **PROMOTING VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT**
7. **ENCOURAGING EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE AND NARRATIVE DEVELOPMENT**
8. **PROMOTING EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL SKILLS**
9. **SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH UNCLEAR SPEECH AND EXPLORING THE LINK BETWEEN SPEECH, READING AND WRITING**
10. **MANAGEMENT OF STAMMERING AND OTHER ISSUES RAISED DURING THE COURSE**

The course is delivered by experienced speech and language therapists and accredited ELKLAN tutors.

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**To speak to the course tutors, please contact Sam or Eva:**

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**Book your place through CPD online using course code: SCH 21/029**

**New initiative:**

Two of our team, Lucy Parker and Eva Thompson, are working with colleagues at The Ashley School in the development of The North Communication Hub. This is a fantastic opportunity for collaborative thinking and networking with local schools in North Suffolk. With local schools having a rising demand from pupils with complex needs this is an opportunity to work together to develop and strengthen skills within speech, language and communication

We would like to offer half termly, informal meetings for any staff working with children

and young people with SLCN, TAs, SENCOs, Teachers, Specialists, to share, discuss

and offer guidance and strategies for you and your pupils

**Join us on TUESDAY 19th January at 3:30- 4:30pm on Microsoft Teams.**

 Click her to see the flyer and contact details

**On-line resources:**

The Communication Trust [www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk](http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk) and ICAN [ican.org.uk](https://ican.org.uk/)

produce excellent resources for schools and families.

**Getting in touch:**

If you would like to know more about what we can offer you, including individual pupil and whole-school support and training, please get in touch.

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