

# SENCO Newsletter

Specialist Teaching &  
Learning Service  
Folkestone and Hythe



**the pod**  
Children's therapies



**The Pod** supports children and young people to develop their skills to their full potential so they can participate in everyday activities. Working in partnership with the parent, child and any other important people in their life.

**The Pod** has been developed by the Integrated Children's Therapies teams, provided by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust. To find your nearest team and many more useful resources, follow the link below:

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/>



**SENCO Wellbeing Coffee Morning Term 4**  
**14th March 2023 9.30—11am**  
**The Beacon Folkestone**



Join us for an informal meet for all SENCOs. Chat with some of our STLS team, catch up with SENCO colleagues and share any questions or updates. No agenda, just a drink and a friendly face!

## Yew Tree Farm Coffee Morning

Please join us for an exclusive coffee morning being held at  
Yew Tree Farm School:

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 from 10 till 12 noon**

Yew Tree Farm School C.I.C provides sessions for students that need targeted intervention or as an alternative provision option by the LA for children and young people in Kent and Medway.

Join us for a tour of the farm, a talk about what our one-to-one sessions offer, and an opportunity to meet our friendly staff, enrolled students and their parents.

For further information please contact our Education Coordinator [amy@yewtreefarmschool.co.uk](mailto:amy@yewtreefarmschool.co.uk)

## Term 4 —Dates for your Diary

### Primary / Secondary :

- **LIFT Group 1**—02 MARCH 2023 MS Teams 1pm
- **LIFT Group 2**—09 MARCH 2023 MS Teams 1pm
- **LIFT Group 3**—06 MARCH 2023 MS Teams 09.30
- **LIFT Group 4**—13 MARCH 2023 The Beacon 8.30
- **LIFT Group 5**— 16 MARCH 2023 MS Teams 1pm
- **LIFT Group 6**—20 MARCH 2023 The Beacon 8.30
- **LIFT Group 7**—24 MARCH 2023 MS Teams 9am
- **SENCO Forum**— 21 MARCH 2023 The Beacon 08.30

### Early Years Settings :

- **EYS LIFT 1**— 07 MARCH 2023 The Beacon 1pm
- **EYS LIFT 2**— 14 MARCH 2023 The Beacon 1pm
- **EYS LIFT 3**— 21 MARCH 2023 MS Teams 1pm
- **SENCO Forum**—28 FEB 2023 The Beacon 1pm

## Training—Term 4

### SMILE TRAINING

#### Emotional Intelligence

Presented by Andy Young —SEMH Specialist Teacher

**Venue:** The Beacon, Park Farm Road,  
Folkestone, Kent, CT19 5DN

**Date:** 27th March 2023

**Time:** 09.30 – 12.00

**Cost:** £37.00 per person

Target Audience: Educational Staff/ SENCOS and Professionals

The session will cover the intricate way in which we develop relationships with others, the effects when we are not given the opportunity to develop positive relationships with carers and the effects this can have on behaviour and the ability to develop positive social skills.

A detailed exploration of the psychological underpinnings are given along with some strategies to manage the challenges faced by such young people.

Solihull principles are used to help explain attachment along with a brief look at metallisation, a more modern way of looking at both inter (between people) and intra (within self) skills and the use as a technique to help engage young people who may be challenging to engage.

### Specialist Teaching and Learning Service

## ACES Attachment & Trauma Training

Suitable for TA's, SENCO's, class teachers and school leadership.

The course will cover:

- Equip SENCO and teaching staff with the knowledge and skills to improve outcomes for pupils who have experienced adverse childhood trauma (ACE)
- Help delegates to gain insight into how to strengthen their resilience and empower them to overcome the challenges they face
- Help identify a range of social impacts resulting from ACEs

**9.30am – 3pm**

Singleton Environment Centre  
TN23 5LW  
Cost : £50

April  
**18**  
Tuesday

### SMILE TRAINING

#### Language Through Colour

Presented by Julie Pout, STLS and Helen James, SALT

**Venue:** The Beacon, Park Farm Road, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 5DN

**Date:** 25th April 2023

**Time:** 08.30 – 11.30

**Cost:** £37.00 per person

Target Audience: Educational Staff/ SENCOS and Professionals

The aims of the course are to learn how to use the Language through Colour approach to support learning in the classroom in the following areas:

1. Understanding & using vocabulary
2. Using sentence structure
3. Understanding and using narrative
4. Reading comprehension

Language through colour is a very simple colour-coded resource to help children understand the meaning of words and develop their reading and writing. It is an excellent tool for supporting children with language difficulties, benefiting all learners as part of good quality first teaching. We will explore a model of speech and language, look at the barriers to learning you see in your classroom and how Language through Colour can be used in interventions and whole class teaching to overcome these.





## Includes Us 2 My Time Groups

For parents & carers of children with a disability or additional needs (no diagnosis needed) living in Ashford, Dover, Folkestone and Hythe

Our 'My Time' groups provide a relaxed and informal space for parents & carers to get together and access support. Speakers are regularly invited to these sessions to provide information and advice about specialist services. Please email [familysupport@includesus2.org.uk](mailto:familysupport@includesus2.org.uk) to book a free space at our face to face meetings.

### March Meetings

Tuesday 7th - Zoom 10am-12pm

Wednesday 15th - Folkestone The Village Children Centre, Denmark Street, CT19 6EQ 10-12pm

Thursday 23rd - Zoom 8-10pm

To book a place at any of our meetings you will need to become a free member of Includes Us 2, you can join by using this link - [Membership Application Form \(jotform.com\)](https://forms.office.com/r/uGvwMi79HX)

If you feel you need one to one support you can refer to our family support service here - <https://forms.office.com/r/uGvwMi79HX>

## SEN Parent Support Group



You can find us on  
Twitter:  
[@Folk\\_HytheSTLS](https://twitter.com/Folk_HytheSTLS)  
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The Beacon  
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Park Farm Road  
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Workshop 1:  
26/01/2023 10 – 11.30am  
Workshop 2:  
13/03/2023 10 – 11.30am  
Workshop 3:  
17/05/2023 10 – 11.30am

## DO YOU WORK WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE A SOCIAL WORKER?

Virtual School Kent and the Education Psychology Service invite you to be part of multi-agency workshops to collectively think about the support needed for this group of young people

### Workshops:

Introduction to ACES and the trauma-informed approach and where are we at now with trauma informed approaches? Where do we want to be?

1

What works? A Review of evidence, interventions and their impact – what can we develop in our schools/systems and districts?

2

What have we done differently? What has helped this year that we can take forward?

3

Get involved and find out more by emailing:  
[VSKadvisoryteam@kent.gov.uk](mailto:VSKadvisoryteam@kent.gov.uk)







## **SHEPWAY AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP**

### **MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS**

For parents and carers of school-aged children on the autism spectrum.

Come along for a coffee and a chat, whether you have a child with a diagnosis, are waiting for a diagnosis or if you would like to learn more about autistic spectrum condition.

**Monday 6th March 2023**

**Speaker: Tracy Playforth -  
Kent PACT (Parents And Carers Together) and  
Parent Carers Forum**

**10.00am-12.00pm**

**Conference room, The Beacon, Park Farm Road,  
Folkestone CT19 5DN**

**Future dates:** Monday 15th May 2023,  
Monday 19th June 2023, Monday 3rd July 2023

**Any questions?** Please contact [hello.sasg@outlook.com](mailto:hello.sasg@outlook.com)  
or visit our Facebook page.

