



Welcome to this issue of the Inclusion newsletter.

Autumn 2 brings lots of exciting learning and developments, especially all the festive fun as we approach Christmas!

Please find lots of information about upcoming school and local events celebrating inclusion and SEND support.



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**HELLO!**



**MEET THE TEAM**



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### Spotlight on... The Power of Play!



Play is a powerful tool for learning, fostering children's curiosity, creativity, and confidence. When adults play with children, they create powerful opportunities for connection, learning, and growth, allowing children to explore ideas, solve problems, and make sense of the world around them in meaningful ways.

Through shared play, children feel valued and secure, building stronger emotional bonds with their caregivers. Play also supports language, problem-solving, and social skills as parents model communication, cooperation, and curiosity. By joining in their child's world of play, parents nurture imagination, confidence, and lifelong love of learning.

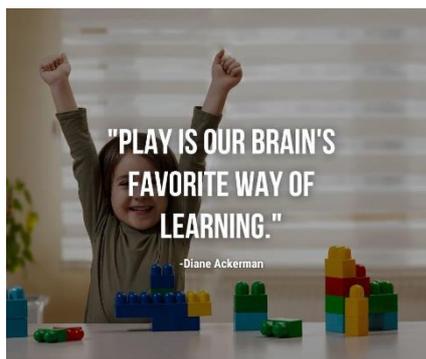
#### Parent Workshop: The importance of play

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2-3**

Our Educational Psychologist, Ellen, will be leading a practical and supportive session on the importance of play and to help you build confidence in playing with your child. The workshop will offer reassurance, practical tips, and simple, screen-free play ideas to strengthen parent-child connection and support development through everyday interactions.

**If you are interested in attending, please follow the link to register your place.**

[Parent Play Workshop: Wednesday 14th January 2-3pm – Fill out form](#)





## Assistive Technology in school- Speech to Text

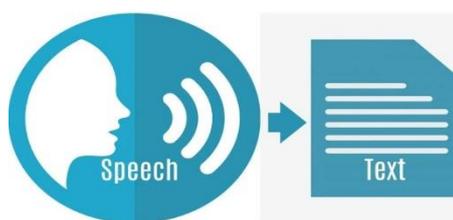


We are incredibly lucky in school to have access to so much technology. In EYFS and Y1 children use iPads daily to support and record their learning in a variety of ways. From Year 2 upwards, all children have access to a Chromebook to support with their learning. These play an invaluable role in enhancing and supporting learning in so many ways, including the use of assistive technology, in particular to support reading and writing. The speech-to-text function on Word is used regularly in all classes, and is a powerful tool to support children's reading and writing development. Children use individual headphones, allowing them to discretely express their ideas without the barrier of spelling or handwriting, allowing them to focus on the content and for their creative ideas to shine through. By seeing their spoken words appear as text, they make stronger connections between spoken and written language, reinforcing vocabulary, grammar, and sentence structure. Using assistive technology also boosts confidence and independence, particularly for children with literacy or fine motor challenges, making reading and writing more accessible for all learners.

### Trafford Family Hub app

Shared last half term via the school app, another reminder to have a look through the wealth of information on the Trafford Family Hub app. Trafford have established this support network where you can receive a range of services including information, advice and guidance, family activities, youth activities, support for parents for children with SEND.

Search for **Essential Parent GM Family Hub** on your app store to download.



As we approach the busy festive period, lots of families will be planning various Christmas activities with their children. Please find a link to the Trafford Local Offer SEND friendly events happening across the borough this festive period.



[Trafford Directory | SEND What's On](#)



### Autumn term SENDCo drop in

A huge thank you to all parents who attended the drop in on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. It was lovely to speak to you all and share in your child's successes and progress so far this year. Building those home/school links is so important and parent voice plays a vital role in continued effective SEND support, so we appreciate the opportunity to discuss how we can continue to support your children together. Your involvement and feedback are greatly valued

We were also lucky to hear from Cheryl Hewitt from Trafford Team Together and Sarah Bradley, Trafford Local Offer Advisor, highlighting the vast range of parental support available across Trafford.



Thank you for reading this issue of the Inclusion Newsletter. If you have any questions regarding anything SEND/Inclusion, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team via the School Office. Thank you as always for your continued support.

*The Inclusion Team*