



# Manor Park Inclusion News

## Dates for your Diary Summer Term

- **6th July** - DASP Transfer Day
- **12th July** - Pre-school stay and Play session (Invite only)
- **13th July** - SNAPS Meetings

## Meet the Team Miss Thebault SEN Lead



Hello!

My name is Miss Thebault and I am the SEN Lead at Manor Park First School. My role is to support all children at our school who have a Special Educational Need. I work alongside Miss Birch ensuring that these children are engaged in an inclusive curriculum. As well as supporting the children in our school I attend meetings with Parents and outside agencies.



## Meet Pumpkin!

Meet Pumpkin, our friendly school Rabbit! He lives in the outside area by the Butterfly and Dragon Fly Rooms. He loves cuddles and spending time with the

children. All children across the school are able to spend time with Pumpkin if needed. He has a wonderful calming effect and allows children to understand the importance of caring for each other.

## SEND Questionnaire

Thank you so much to everyone who sent back their SEND Questionnaire last half term. The main things that were highlighted was for the addition of parent workshops in order to support different areas of SEND and ensuring you have a good knowledge of the process of identifying and supporting children. We will be addressing these during the course of the upcoming year - so watch this space!

We were also so grateful for the lovely comments that many of you included on the questionnaire. We would like to take this opportunity to share a few of these with you.

*'I think you are amazing. My child's needs are met consistently with care and thought.'*

*'We have been overwhelmed with the level of support offered and are delighted with the impact it has had on our daughter'*

*'The SEND Team at Manor Park are fantastically supportive of both the child and family'*

# Summer Activities

## Emotion bottles

Emotions are a really tricky subject for children to talk about so here is a fun DIY activity that we would like to share with you. The idea is for the child to use their glitter bottle when they are feeling upset or angry. They shake the bottle, put it down on a flat surface and watch the glitter settle to help them calm.

You will need:

- Clear, plastic water bottle
- Colourful glitter
- Lego or small objects
- Water



Fill the bottle with the glitter, lego/small objects and water. Shake the bottle as hard as you can and watch the glitter or objects settle. Encourage your child to use the bottle when they are feel frustrated. As the glitter settles remind your child to take deep breaths to help bring them back to a calm state.

## Water beads

With all the warm weather we are experiencing try engaging your child in sensory play with water beads. Place them in a bucket, a small sandwich bag or in a tub for your child to play with. Water beads come in a variety of different sizes and can be purchased easily online.



## Useful links The Xchange

The Xchange is a fantastic website with news and information for families who have children with disabilities or additional needs. The website details lots of different events, activities and short breaks that are happening around Dorset.

Sign up on the website to see the full list of events and activities that could help you support your child!

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/south-west/dorset>

Lists an array of different places to go over the summer in Dorset.

<http://www.havekidsantravel.co.uk/10-almost-free-things-to-do-in-dorset-you-probably-dont-know/>

<http://www.dofreestuff.com/dorset.html>

<https://www.picniq.co.uk/search/?sp=2&county=32>

These offer information, ideas and special offers for events and attractions around Dorset.

A Final Thought...

*Be yourself, everyone else is already taken.* Oscar Wilde

