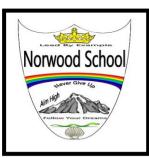


# Norwood Primary School SEND NEWSLETTER

Spring 2- 2021

SENCo — Mrs J Cockerill



Firstly, I just want to say 'well done' and 'thank you' for everything you are doing to help your children during this difficult time.

I have found a few more ideas to make learning a little easier for children with Special Educational Needs and now that we have distributed technology, you may like to try some of these ideas to remove some of your child's learning barriers.

'Speech Texter' works really well if your child is struggling with writing longer pieces. If your child struggles to remember information or what they are going to write, they could speak into speech texter as a way to hold onto these ideas whilst they are thinking.

If your child needs support with reading a piece of information, try cutting and pasting it into a website like 'Natural Reader' as this will read it for them.

It may help your child if you give them more breaks and break tasks down into smaller, more manageable chunks

We really appreciate all you are doing to help your child to learn the best they can at home and desperately hope that we can all be back together soon.

Jane Cockerill

**Autism and ADHD** Advisory Teaching Service produce Newsletters highlighting a range of relevant SEND topics for parent/carers of pupils with Autism. All editions can be found on this link <a href="https://www.kscs.org.uk/autism-hub">https://www.kscs.org.uk/autism-hub</a>

For those with a confirmed diagnosis. The Autism & ADHD Advisory service are offering a weekly parent/carer telephone consultation, bookings can be made by telephoning the service on 01733 863702





### Ten minute Shake up

Discover Change4Life's Disney themed games and activities that will get the whole family moving and having fun. <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups">https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups</a>



**Speech to Text** Allow access to your microphone and speak into the computer. It will then write exactly what you say. To insert a punctuation mark, name it e.g would you like to go out question mark. https://www.speechtexter.com/

**Text to Speech**- if your child needs help to read texts, try a text to speech converter such as:



#### NaturalReader

https://www.naturalreaders.com/online/

Select voice, paste in the text and press the 'play' icon and the computer will read the text to you.

## Clicker

Clicker is the complete writing solution for the primary classroom, providing every pupil with just the right level of support and challenge.

Free access for Norwood pupils until 8th March 2021.

https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/clicker/clickertrial/installation Log in and access details have been sent

#### **Bookable Appointments via Telephone/Zoom**

For parent/carers to discuss any concerns about their child with Mrs Cockerill SENCo. These can be booked through our email <a href="mailto:senadmin@norwoodschool.co.uk">senadmin@norwoodschool.co.uk</a>. Your enquiry should state, your child's name, year group and reason for your request. Next planned meeting is:

23<sup>rd</sup> February 9:30 – 12pm



with this Newsletter

Family Voice Peterborough is a local charity that works with parent/carers of children with special educational needs and or disabilities from 0 – 25.

http://www.familyvoice.org/ Contact details - email communities@familyvoice.org

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