



## Diary Dates

30th January 2023 - Mental Health Assembly  
3rd February 2023 - NSPCC Numbers day  
6th February 2023 - Mental Health Workshop  
6th - 10th February 2023 - Children's Mental Health Week

## Term Dates

Spring term 1 - 03/01/2023 - 10/02/2023  
February half term - 13/02/2023 - 17/02/2023  
Spring term 2 - 20/02/2023 - 31/03/2023  
Easter Holidays 03/04/2023 - 14/04/2023



**Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) is inviting you to join us on a bear hunt.**

The wonderful CHSW Bear Hunt sculpture trail will be brightening up North Devon and raising funds for children and young people with life-limiting conditions across the South West. As part of the sculpture trail, 25 dedicated artists have produced original pieces of art.

We are now inviting children and young people from across the U.K to participate in this amazing initiative, with an art competition, allowing children and young people to create their own 'bears that care' design.

There are 4 age categories:

- 5 and under
- 6 to 10
- 11 to 15
- And 16 to 21

Taking part in the Bear Hunt art competition is a fantastic opportunity for children and young people to showcase creative skills, exhibit artwork as part of the trail and be in with a chance of winning some amazing prizes!

The competition will be free to enter but there are suggested donations of between £2 and £15 detailed in the pack.

For more information please click on the link below.

[CHSW Bear Hunt Art Trail](#)

[Donate to Charity Online](#) | [Give to NSPCC today](#) | [NSPCC](#)

# THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the families that came to the latest family Forum in person and virtually. It was great to see families sharing ideas and giving advice to each other!

Take a look at the next page for our new feature 'Focus on...' where each News letter you will hear from our teaching staff and have an insight into what we've been doing here at ACE Tiverton in lessons.



# Focus on... English!

This term in English we've been busy learning about the literacy that's around us every day.

McGuinness have started the new year learning about scientific advancements in the Victorian times through their reading of Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein', and are currently creating their own characters to rival Frankenstein's monster! We're looking forward to sharing some of their descriptions later in the term.

Brecel are learning all about the powerful language of advertising and we're starting to practice using persuasive techniques. Families be warned- you may find yourselves being 'manipulated' by language as our students become more confident in applying these techniques! Dawson and Einstein are learning about 'The News' and are understanding that this is sometimes reported with bias or written with a specific demographic audience in mind. We're looking forward to welcoming a local journalist to class to tell us about their job and answer questions that the students have prepared. The term will finish with students writing their own news report- a selection of which we'll publish on our social media page.

We were delighted to return to school after Christmas to an excellent set of Exam results for Tesla; it was an encouraging start to the new year for our oldest students. Both Tesla and Kissin are working towards their Functional Skills Reading exams which they'll sit in the next couple of weeks and we've been delighted with the mature approach they have applied to preparing for these.

In other news, we've rolled out a 'Drop Everything and Read' programme across the whole school and Learning Families are sharing a non-fiction article or fiction extract each week with focussed discussion questions to expand students' engagement with different texts and genres. Recently we read a rather topical article about school closures due to snow and this was both timely and a great opportunity to share our opinions.

In addition, all learning families were asked for book requests, and we now have a large list of requests which have been submitted to Devon School Library Services and we'll be visiting their depot tomorrow to choose a selection to add to our Reading Room here at ACE. Weekly reading sessions are continuing for all classes so this new selection of reading material will be most welcome!

If you'd like to keep up with our weekly English news, please do follow us on Instagram @ace.tiverton.english

Mrs Sorlie-Pring & Mrs Seatherton



# DRESS TO EXPRESS!

6th-12th February is Children's Mental Health week. We will be holding some activities throughout the week and some of our students will be taking part in a Mental Health Workshop.

On Friday 10th February we will be having a 'Dress to Express' non-uniform day where students can come in dressed to express themselves!

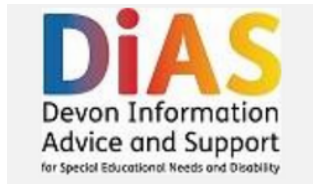


# Activities Week

Please find below the payment schedule for activities week. Deposit is due January 31st 2023.

## ACTIVITIES WEEK PAYMENT SCHEDULE

	Total cost	Deposit 31 <sup>st</sup> January	28 <sup>th</sup> February	31 <sup>st</sup> March	30 <sup>th</sup> April	31 <sup>st</sup> May
Kilve Court	£290	£54	£59	£59	£59	£59
London	£550	£100	£112.50	£112.50	£112.50	£112.50
Southwest Explorer	£100	£20	£20	£20	£20	£20
Wars and Roars	£100	£20	£20	£20	£20	£20
Outdoor adventures	£100	£20	£20	£20	£20	£20
Ace Cook off	£20	£10			£5	£5
Arts and Crafts	£20	£10			£5	£5



We've got a new and improved telephone and email enquiry service!

To help more families get the expert advice they need, when they need it, while at the same time keeping waiting times down we have introduced a new helpline. This means that when you call, or send a message in, our experienced and knowledgeable support team are on hand to deal with your enquiry using a solutions focused approach. That means we will help you find a clear and positive way forward with the issue you have that day.

You get the advice you need, when you need it, and help to take the next step.

You can come back to us whenever you need more information or support. The enquiry line is open 10am-3pm Monday to Friday and our web contact form is available 24/7 at <http://soc.devon.cc/KRaOB>

<https://www.facebook.com/100063584830085/posts/pfbid02pcTL3zNFN1CCsbxqDkt3CshRjqBdUENF5LXwZ8xWh7PKCLZRrs3zxAU1b9wFkhexl/?sfnsn=scwspmo>



Across our school's base and community hub, BOUNCE! currently delivers 70 sessions of psychotherapy and counselling a week. Supporting as many families. We urgently need hands-on support from the community. We are currently led and run by one full-time and one part-time volunteer. The situation is not sustainable. If we do not find more support, we will close in July 2023. Attached is a link to a 3-minute video that we are asking you to share with your community. A decision about the service will be made in the coming weeks and we will let you know how this will affect you. Although donations are always welcome, this is not about funding, it is about more hands-on the ground to provide administrative and managerial support.







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## School Attendance

Please ensure if your child is going to be absent please ring the school office on 01884 763140 and leave a message or please email [atss\\_info@transformingfutures.org.uk](mailto:atss_info@transformingfutures.org.uk)

## Our Safeguarding Team

Our Safeguarding Team	
Julie Chatterton Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Stacy Fagg Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Joanna Panton Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Kevin Morgan Safeguarding Team	
Sharna Causley Safeguarding Team	
Jaqs Bagnell Safeguarding Team	

**Worried? 😞 Concerned? 🧑 Got Questions? Want to Talk? 🗣️ Need Information? ⓘ**

**You can talk to **any** member of staff or contact the following:**

**Your family and friends are good places to get support but if you think there is an immediate risk of harm, please do not keep it to yourself.**

Talk to any adult in our school family – we will help you. If you do not how to start, just use the word “TREE” and we will know you are worried.

If you want to get confidential or anonymous (no one asks your name) help, these organisations can help.

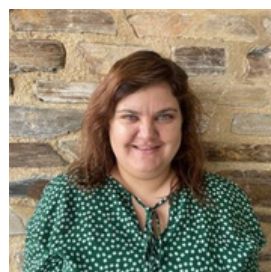
Shout is a free, anonymous text based talking service. You can text 85258 and someone will reply.	<b>shout</b> 85258
Childline can be contacted via a free phone number: 08001111. There is also a website <a href="http://childline.org.uk">childline.org.uk</a> .	<b>childline</b> <small>ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME</small>
Young Minds is online, social media and free texts: send YM to 85258 and you will be contacted by text.	<b>YOUNGMINDS</b>

**Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub: 0345 155 1071**

## Our Family Support Team



Jacqueline Bagnell  
Family and Student Support Co-ordinator



Kate Davey  
Family Support Assistant