# SEND | Termly Newsletter | Term 2 23-24

**Bristol's Local Offer:** <a href="https://www.bristol.gov.uk/bristol-local-offer">https://www.bristol.gov.uk/bristol-local-offer</a> - this website will tell you everything you need to know about supporting a child with additional needs in Bristol with specific sections all about EHCPs, choosing schools, autism support and more. Follow them on Facebook for more up to date information about events and groups such as:





Note: If you live in South Glos, look up 'Local offer' and you will find their equivalent website with slightly different systems in place.

### Who is the SENDCo at Minerva Primary Academy?

From January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024, I will be handing over the role of SENDCo to Miss Ella Gibson when I go on maternity leave. Miss Gibson is very knowledgeable about SEND and there has been a full handover about individual children and their needs. Do not hesitate to meet with her to discuss any concerns. I look forward to seeing everyone when I return to work.

Mrs Campagnaro





For brothers and sisters of disabled children and adults

Having a sibling with SEND can be both rewarding and challenging. Often we see the impact of living with a child with additional needs on a sibling and you may see this too. Sibs has a range of resources for parents e.g. 'Coping with Festivities' and helpful tips for coping with the changes that different times of year like Christmas can bring.





# Befriending



WECIL: The Befriending service is a well-established provision which links Disabled children and young people with a volunteer 'buddy'. They currently offer support to Disabled children and young people aged 5-18 in Bristol. Befrienders offer up to 2 hours of support per week, and are recruited in line with local authority safer recruitment guidance, which includes enhanced DBS checks, training and references.

https://wecil.org.uk/children-young-people/out-about-bristol/c-yp-befriending/

Bristol Parent Carer Forum: https://www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk/events/

This website is great for showing parents a day-by-day calendar of events for parents in the local area – this includes learning sessions for parents, inclusive sports groups and activities, coffee mornings and trips/visits with other parents and specific support groups e.g. farms, soft play, go karting etc.

#### Thursday, 21 December

🛊 🛊 Half term: Make sure you are signed up to short breaks services 🛊

11:00am SENDsenses - Winter @ The Orchard (Outdoor Sensory Nature Session)

Friday, 22 December

☆ i☆ Half term: Make sure you are signed up to short breaks services ☆i☆

4:00pm More dible Kids | Family Friday | The Vench BS7 9TB | Booking required | www.bristolsendsupport.co.uk/lK

Saturday, 23 December

☆ i☆ Half term: Make sure you are signed up to short breaks services ☆i☆

Sunday, 24 December

☆ i☆ Half term: Make sure you are signed up to short breaks services ☆i☆



#### New SEND Parent Carer Nurture Groups

Starting January 2024: 8 sessions to build emotional wellbeing and friendship amongst a small group of SEND parents.

Brislington – Tuesdays – 1–2:30pm, Broomhill Children's Centre, Fermaine Ave, Brislington, BS4 4UY

Upper Horfield – Wednesdays 10.30am – 12noon Upper Horfield Children's Centre, 34 Sheridan Rd, Horfield, BS7 0PU

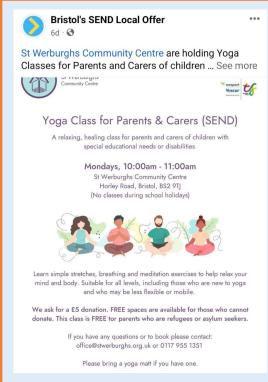
Eastville – Wednesdays 8 – 9.30pm Nissen Hut, Eastville Park, Fishponds Rd, Eastville, BS5 6XA

Places are free, we welcome donations.

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Another example from the Bristol Local Offer Facebook group. Give them a follow to find out more!



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