

SENDCO Newsletter

September 2019

Dear parents, carers and children,

Welcome back to all of those returning pupils and families and welcome to all new families. I am thrilled to be back at school after my long absence. I am writing to introduce myself and to update you all on some developments with Special Educational Needs provision this year. I am the SENDCO and I co-ordinate provision and support for children that have additional needs or disabilities. I have returned to work on a part-time basis and I will be in school Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday afternoons. I do have teaching commitments but will generally be able to organise meetings and telephone calls on those days.

I will be offering parent meetings on Monday 4th November and Wednesday 6th November. Appointments can be made with the school office and I would be happy to talk to you about any existing needs your child may have or any concerns that you may have.

This year we have secured the services of Emma Harrison, a private speech and language therapist. We hope that working with Emma on Wednesdays that we will be able to better support the children in school that have identified speech and language issues. We will need parental consent for Emma to work with the children and will operate a waiting list with children being prioritised based on level of need. Here is a little bit from Emma herself:

My name is Emma Harrison and I am an Independent Speech and Language Therapist who is proud to now be working in partnership with Crook Primary. This school based independent speech and language therapy service will be provided in addition to the existing NHS service. I have 20 years experience working within Speech and Language Therapy and will be working one day a week in the school. I am excited for all the families the school and I will be able to impact and the additional support that will now be available.

Finally, I would like to make you aware of Durham County Council's consultation on provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities or who need inclusion support to stay in education. <http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/21797/Consultation-on-support-for-SEND-and-young-people-who-need-support-to-stay-in-education>

I hope staff, children and parents all have a happy and successful year at Crook Primary School, and I look forward to meeting you all in the nearer future.

Mrs Cleminson