

Welcome to the
**Southwark Hearing
Support Service**
(SHSS) 2023 Spring
One Newsletter.



WELCOME

Welcome to the Southwark Hearing Support Service (SHSS) 2023 Spring One Newsletter. In this issue, we are introducing our new team member and giving you some useful information about activities you and your children can join in with.

We hope that you all had a good holiday period and new year. How has 2023 been for you all so far? Our year has started well as we have welcomed a new member to our team. Her name is Heather Latter and she has been busy settling in. Some of you will have already met her but for those of you who haven't yet here is a hello from Heather herself.

HEATHER LATTER



As a Teacher of the Deaf, I have worked with children of all ages, working at Resource Provisions for Deaf children in nursery, primary and secondary schools.

I am delighted to be working as a peripatetic QToD in Southwark. I feel privileged to be involved in the lives of deaf children and value the opportunity to work alongside families and professionals. Supporting families as children develop their full potential is highly rewarding.

After the Easter holidays we will have another new member of the team for you to meet. Watch this space.

As always we would love to hear from you about anything you have been getting up to, or any news you would like to share. Have you been anywhere exciting? Have your children had any experiences you would like to tell us about? We want to make this newsletter as much as we can about you all. And for you to use it as a tool for information.

Best wishes

Southwark Hearing Support Service



THINGS TO DO FOR YOUR LITTLE ONES AND BIG ONES

We have put together a few ideas of places that are available for you to do with your little ones or for your bigger ones to attend. They are set up with deaf children and teenagers in mind and give them an opportunity to mix with deaf peers.

Our Under Fives group continues to grow. Parents can bring their little ones along to have fun, sing songs and catch up with other parents. We have a great space to use at 1st Place, Chumleigh Gardens (12 Chumleigh Street, SE5 0RN). The sessions are once a month on a Monday from 10:30am until 12:00pm. They are run by Emma and she is joined by a fellow Teacher of the Deaf (ToD) each week. We also welcome a specialist's Speech and Language therapist to some sessions so that you are able to ask any questions you may have.

The dates for future sessions are;

Monday 27th February

Monday 27th March

Monday 1st May

Monday 5th June

Monday 3rd July

We would love to see lots of you there. If you would like any more information, please do speak to your ToD.

For those of you with older ones David Pogson, ToD at Elm Green Secondary school, has started an after school club, called Sonic Youth. It runs once a week to provide an opportunity for tweens and teens (years 5 – 13) to get together. The group is held at the school every Thursday during term time from 4 – 5:30pm. They play games, chat and generally get to hang out with their peers. Again, if you would like more information please contact your ToD.

With the holidays coming up you may be thinking of ways to keep your children and young people entertained. There is a small Deaf led charity which was set up in 2010 to support the Deaf Community around London. It is called Remark! They provide courses, support, clubs and holiday playschemes. The playschemes run every school holiday and are for Deaf children between 6 and 16 years. The activities they offer are both indoor and outdoor. Previous ones have included sports, baking and crafts activities as well as day visits to adventure parks, trampolining or wall-climbing. You can follow the link below to find out more information.

Playscheme – Remark! Community (LINK)

Here is a link to book a place if you think it is something your child/young person might enjoy.

Deaf-SELF Playscheme Admission Form February 2023 (LINK)

If you would like more information about these or more ideas please do get in touch with your ToD.

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