

Saint Augustine's R C High School

Minutes of Learning Support Parent Support Group Meeting

Tuesday 24th March 2015

1. Kay Jameson (SENCO) welcomed everyone to the meeting and Anne Mainwaring (Chair) said a prayer.
2. Leaflets were distributed on behalf of **Futures Activities & Animal Care, Grindleton** as unfortunately, they were unable to be present at the meeting. It is hoped they may be able to attend a future meeting.
3. Suzanne Gates from **IDL** (Indirect Dyslexia Learning) spoke about this innovative literacy programme that can be used at home, free of charge, to support pupils' learning.
4. **Special Needs Jungle** www.specialneedsjungle.com – an informative, parent-led website, offering resources and informed opinions about children and young people with SEN, Special Needs, Disability, Health Conditions and Rare Disease.
5. **Cinema for Autism** – every month, each participating cinema (Cineworld, ODEON, Showcase and Vue cinemas), shows a different film from a selection of new releases and classics including Pixar animations, Disney adventures and many more films suitable for all age ranges. The lights will be on low; the volume will be turned down; there will be no trailers at the beginning of the film; you'll be able to take your own food and drinks and you'll be able to move around the cinema if you like!
6. **SNAP** – unfortunately, due to changes in funding, this support facility has now been disbanded.
7. **Spring into Action** – www.spring-projects.co.uk – based in Great Harwood. Spring into Action is a provider of services for people with disabilities and/or specialist needs, offering developmental opportunities for children, young people and adults to help them to fulfil their potential. Working in partnership with other service providers in Lancashire, they aim to enable each individual to achieve their capacity for independence, self-awareness and self-determination.
8. **AOB** – after having served for many years as the Chair of the Learning Support Parent Support Group, Anne Mainwaring wishes to step down from this role when her daughter leaves at the end of the Summer Term. Anne was thanked for all her hard work and it was proposed Robert Szlaz will assume the role of Chair Person in the Autumn Term.

SEND School Offer – www.sarchs.com/Parents/SchoolPolicies/SENDSchoolOffer - a document designed to inform parents of children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) what support they can expect if their child attends St Augustine's.

Next Parent Support Group Meeting – Wednesday 17th June 2015. This is an information meeting for new parents and it is always valued if existing parents come along to reassure.

