

Nursling C of E Primary School



Learning to Love. Building Resilience. Taking Responsibility.

Newsletter 13- 6th December 2024

Head teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to say a huge well done to our House Captains and Vice Captains who have led their first House competition this week!

Everyone gave the Cross Country competition their best effort and it was enjoyed by all!

Thank you to Mrs Sciortino who enabled this to happen. She has guided and supported the captains to enable them to do this and is looking forward to the next one!

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend

Mrs Jearrad



Attendance this week

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
96%	97%	96.1%	93.6%	90.3%	94.3%	96.7%	94.9%

The expected attendance for each student is a minimum of 96%. Individual children identifying as under 96% will be engaging in conversations with staff to ensure their attendance improves.



I am the way, the truth and the life; no one goes to the father except through me. John 14:6

Cyril's awards

Year R

Maisie G- For her exceptional singing in the school Nativity and working extremely hard with her beautiful writing and reading. Well done Maisie!

Oscar- For being a kind friend and a fantastic role model for others. Well done Oscar!

Year 1

Benjamin - for super effort in handwriting and really working hard on his presentation

Freya M - for amazing effort in reading, even asking if she could do some extra reading with an adult this week!

Year 2

Yasha is our first Cyril Squirrel this week! She has been working really hard on her writing and is now writing more independently! We are so proud of how much progress you are making Yasha, keep it up!

Frankie is our second Cyril Squirrel. He has particularly impressed us in Maths this week. He has shown good focus and applied new learning independently. Well done, Frankie.

Year 3

Jacob- had been fantastic this week he's been really engaged in his learning and has been answering questions really well.

Nellie- has been a superstar this week she has been so focused and tackles every task with a really great attitude. Well done, Nellie keep this up!

Year 4

Arian demonstrated that she is a good scientist this week with her understanding of digestion. What happens to the food inside our body and its remains. Very impressed with her knowledge

Ted showed that he too is likely to be a top scientist with his understanding of biology and in science generally. Very impressed.

Year 5

Evie - Evie consistently demonstrates the correct attitude and behaviour in and around school. She has yet again worked hard this week and thoroughly deserves the award.

Ava - Ava has tried really hard this week, particularly in her maths! She has pushed herself across all subjects and given everything a real good go with a brilliant attitude.

Year 6

William is a great role model. He is always first to focus on his work and always responds to the feedback given with an excellent attitude.

Tilly tries so hard in her lessons and I'm always blown away by her resilience when faced with a tricky concept in her learning.



Nursling Choirs awesomeness!

On Sunday, 15 children from the choir performed at the Four Horseshoes pub. They were absolutely fantastic singing confidently in front of a packed restaurant and crowded bar. Everyone was blown away by them saying they sounded like professionals and that they had beautiful voices. The staff at the Four Horseshoes were so impressed that they would like us to return in 2025. Watch this space!



Nursling School Cross country competition

Nursling Cross Country

What a great time we all had last Wednesday afternoon!

Our first ever in house cross country was organized by our house and vice captains. There were many jobs they had to do for this event to be successful and they put a 100% effort into every job I asked them to do.

It was also so nice to see every single child in the school take part. They gave it their very best and had a great time taking part with all their classmates and teachers.

Trophies and certificates for this event will be handed out next week. Watch this space!

Mrs. Sciortino



All the house captains and vice captains



Out of school achievements



Well done to all our Out of school achievers and ASC children this week. Amazing effort!!

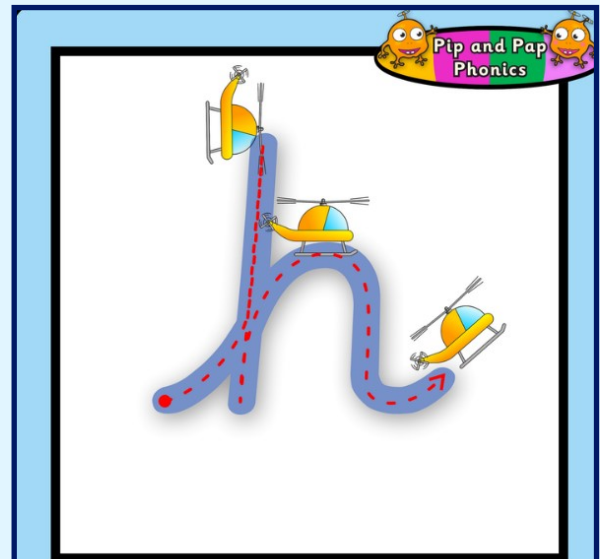


PTA Raffle winners



Congratulation to Emma and Illaia the winner of the PTA raffle.

Pip and Pap



Whoosh! Off we go, the helicopter flies all the way down, back up, over the hill and away. **Hh**

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Next week's challenge is based on the 3 times tables!



This week's winner for their Studio speed goes to Mackenzie. He has quickened his speed by 0.47 seconds and jumped up the leader board since last week!



NUMBOTS

We have introduced a new competition for our Key Stage 1 children. This will be on Numbots which is linked to TTRS. We are working on subitising, counting and number bonds. Again our winners may be the quickest, most accurate or showing the most effort.

This week's winner for their effort is Alfie. He has passed 22 levels in the past week!

News & Information from Hazel Nest

Important After School Reminder

After School Club phone number - 07543793590



Now that the dark evenings are drawing in, parents need to phone our After School Club mobile number when collecting their children. We will get the children ready and escort them across the playground to you. Please ensure you let relatives/partners know our pick up procedure and phone number as we are unable to see parents at the gate or answer the door buzzer.

Children must be collected promptly by 5.45pm at the latest. We have had a number of late collections recently which have a detrimental effect on our staff who rely on public transport and have children to pick up. Persistent late collections will be fined as per our terms and conditions policy.

Hazel Nest

"This week at After School Club we have been getting lots of exercise in the hall playing The Floor Is Lava and Just Dance!

Miss Holloway has enjoyed having a dance off with the girls while Renee in Year 2 sang on a pretend microphone. Anna-Lee

in Year 1 was this week's dance champion with all her groovy moves!

We also have lots of Star Jar winners this week. Stars go in the jar for brilliant behaviour each session. A big WELL DONE to

Celine and Olivia in Year R, Grace, Miles and Anna-Lee in Year 1 and Sofia in Year 3."



Household Support Funding

We have a small grant allocated to help any family who is struggling with keeping warm over the winter months.

Please contact the School Office if you can't afford to purchase warm coats, shoes, blankets or fuel to heat your home and we will see what we can do to support you.

- Food,
- Energy,
- Water,
- School uniform,
- Other wider essentials.

**HOUSEHOLD
SUPPORT FUND**



SCRATCH

This year after a pupil and staff vote we will be supporting SCRATCH in their Christmas appeal. **DEADLINE 11th Dec, No second hand items now please.**

Please see the poster below to see how you can help.

Thank you!

Christmas Complete 2024

We need donations of: -

- Books
- Games / Puzzles
- Soft Toys
- Colouring books, pens, pencils etc.
- Toiletries & other teenage gifts
- Age relevant toys
- Sweets & Chocolate
- Boxes
- Wrapping paper & tape
- Finance

Your donations will help to provide parcels of toys and gifts to local families, where children might otherwise go without presents this Christmas

To make a financial donation, please scan below

SCRATCH
Fighting Local Poverty

For further information and to find out about volunteering, please visit our website - www.scratchcharity.co.uk
E-mail - cc@scratchcharity.co.uk
Tel: 023 8077 3132

Useful Links

Family Lives have been recommended by Hampshire's Safeguarding Lead as an excellent source of information for families, please check out their website and their extensive offer of useful information and online help.

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

Re:Minds is a Southampton based organisation supporting families whose children/young people have Autism, ADHD or other neurodiverse needs and/or mental health needs - with or without a diagnosis. It holds an abundance of information and guidance.

<https://www.reminds.org.uk>

Attendance guidance for parents/carers

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/behaviour-attendance-parents>

Online safety while using devices.

You may have seen in the press recent concerns about children being kept safe and the access that they have whilst online. Last week, I met with many children throughout the school and discussed their views on e-safety and the use of devices.

At school, the children feel very safe while using various medias and technologies. However, some children from all year groups were able to describe incidents where they are playing online games or talking to complete strangers through the games in their own bedrooms. They feel that they were unsupervised and often behind closed bedroom doors.

They were able to describe actions that they would take if they were subjected to offensive or abusive language or material such as report the player or often would just shut down the app or game but some were not confident in reporting it to their parents as they felt they might be in trouble. (Particularly when they thought that the parent wasn't aware that they were using the device e.g bedtime.)

Most key stage 2 children recognised that there is a PEGI rating system in place and certain games and apps are not suitable for primary school children, yet they are still playing /accessing them e.g. games like Fortnite.

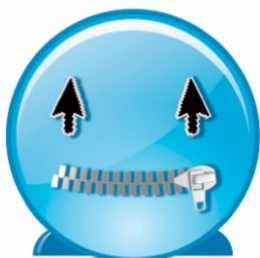
At school, we use the NSPCC Zip it , Block it, Flag it approach for keeping your child safe online.

We would encourage you to consider what your children are actually playing or accessing on their devices, particularly while in their bedrooms or rooms on their own , to prevent your child being subjected to any unwanted comments or imagery. Please discuss with your child about "flagging" the incident to you if an issue occurs.

For further advice or suggestions, please visit <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety/online-safety-for-schools> or talk to your child's teacher.

Mr Booth

Computing Lead



ZIP IT

Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



BLOCK IT

Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



FLAG IT

Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.

Important Dates

Years R,1 & 2 Nativity 2pm & 6pm	Wednesday 11th December 2024
SATs parent meeting 2:45pm	Thursday 12th December 2024
100% attendance tea party	Tuesday 17th December 2024
Christingle Service 2pm St Johns Church	Tuesday 17th December 2024 Collect children from Church
Pantomine (in school)	Wednesday 18th December 2024
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 19th December 2024
PTA Christmas Disco	Thursday 19th December 2024
Open Classroom 2.30pm	Friday 20th December 2024
End of Autumn Term	
No after school club provision	
PLEASE CHECK THIS REGULARLY FOR	CHANGES AND UPDATES

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...



Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7

[Nhs.uk/mental-health](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health)



Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org 24/7

[Papyrus-uk.org](https://www.papyrus-uk.org)



Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours

[Samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)



Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday on 0300 102 1234

[Mind.org.uk](https://www.mind.org.uk)



Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19

[Giveusashout.org](https://www.giveusashout.org)



Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Whatsapp 0800 585858

[Thecalmzone.net](https://www.thecalmzone.net)

[ChristmasCountdown.uk](https://www.ChristmasCountdown.uk)

PE uniform reminder

Football kits are not to be worn for PE.

Plain t-shirts in the colour of their house or ones with a logo.

Plain black shorts.

Plain black tracksuit bottoms / leggings / jumper.

Please take the time to read the important reminders below, which will really help with the transition back to school

- **Please label everything with your child's name** - This includes coats, bags, hats, gloves etc - we don't have the space in school to accommodate large volumes of un-named lost property. Lost property is emptied at the end of every term. Anything unnamed will be given to charity.
- **Top up school meal funds** - Reminder that the price is increasing to £3.20 per meal effective from September.
- **Medication in School** - Please ensure that any medication e.g Inhalers, epipens etc are brought to the school office in the first instance. The medicines will then be logged and stored appropriately. Any medication should be in its original packaging, clearly stating the child's name and an expiry date and an up to date asthma plan will be required to support inhalers in school.
- **Absence** - If your child is absent from school at any time - please ensure that you call the school office (02380 732289), leave a voicemail or send a parentmail - before 8.50am. If we are not informed of a child's absence, we will continually ring every contact logged on Arbor, until we can establish a reason for the absence. Holiday requests must have a form completed prior to the absence (a supply of these are kept in the school reception).
- **After School Clubs** - Please remember to book your child's place if they would like to attend an after school club. Some have proven very popular and are already fully booked - apologies if your child has missed out this time around. We also have breakfast and after school club available.

Safeguarding your children

- **Parking** - Our school is a no drive zone and parking within the school is not permitted - if you are collecting your child, please park considerately. The community hall has a large car park you can park and walk from. There is one space in the layby for Blue Badge Holders. Please only park in this space if you have a blue badge on display.
- **Castle** - Children are not allowed on the castle unless supervised by a member of staff. School will not be held responsible for any injury caused to a child if this rule is ignored.
- **Bikes and Scooters** - Children are not allowed to cycle or scoot on the School grounds. School will not be held responsible for any injury caused to a child if this rule is ignored.

Safeguarding your children

It is always good to start the year with good knowledge and understanding around safeguarding.

Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility.

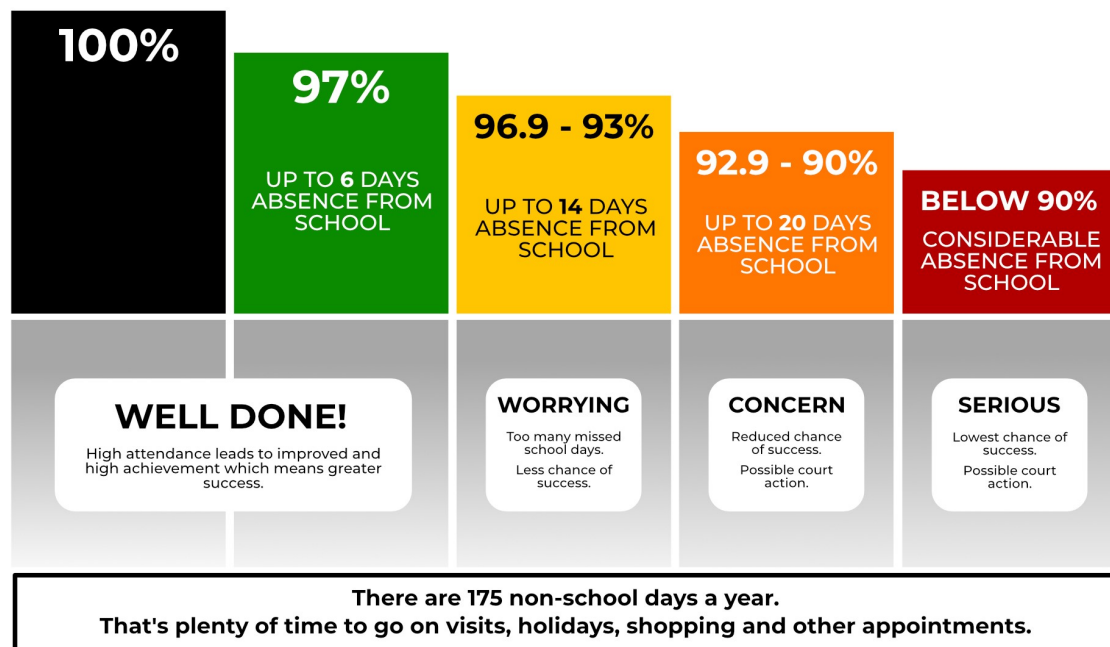
This means parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, school staff and all members of the community are responsible for ensuring children are safe and concerns are raised in a timely manner.

Attendance

If your child is not in school and we do not know why, we will follow our safeguarding procedures. School will contact you and proceed down your list of contacts if your phone is switched off.

House calls will be made if we have particular concern for the whereabouts of your child.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



If your child is absent from school, it is imperative you let the school office know. Save embarrassment and be truthful. The amount of times we are told a child is off with illness and the child tells us of their lovely holiday or break when they come back to school.

Lateness and Requests for Authorised Absence

Children should be in school by **8.50am** each day, when registration begins.

It is important that all children make a good start to the day and are ready to learn.

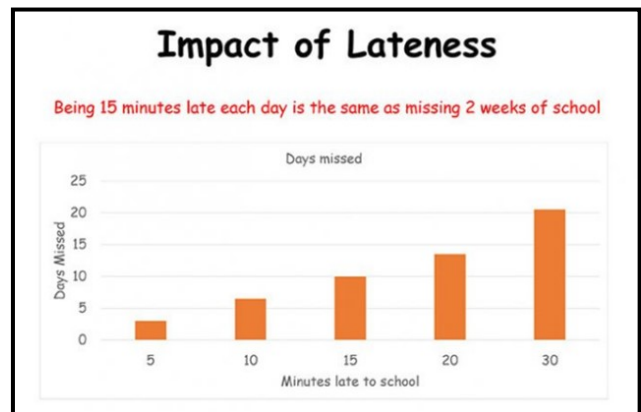
If a child arrives after 8.50am, they will be given a 'late' mark.

Late arrivals disrupt the whole class and children who arrive late are often embarrassed and unsettled because they have missed important instructions.

If children arrive in school after 9.20am they will be marked as an unauthorised absence

Requests for Authorised Absence

Schools are only allowed to authorise absence from school in exceptional circumstances. In making a request for an authorised absence from school you will need to explain why the circumstances are exceptional. There is no general right to authorise absence for a family holiday. If you take your child out of school without permission the absence will be unauthorised and a penalty notice may be issued.



School Dinners

[Check if your child can get free meals](https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals) <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Our school caterers are award-winning caterers, managed by Hampshire County Council Education Catering, formerly known as HC3S. Visit the pages on their website for their menus and other information. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/news>. You can also keep up-to-date, by following them on social media.

Facebook: @hc3seducation Twitter: @hc3s6

Children choose from a vegetarian or meat option, and cost £3.20 for a freshly cooked main meal and pudding, payable via Scopay. Special diets can be catered for by prior arrangement.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/education-catering/parent-information/primary>

If your child has an allergy or any dietary needs please speak to the school
The week beginning the 9th December 2024 is **week 3** in the cycle.



Hampshire
County Council
Education Catering

FOOD TO
FLOURISH

Communicating with School

Communication Flowchart

We know that when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school, whether it is pastoral, friendships, curriculum or staffing in nature, they often feel the best way forward is to ask to see the Head teacher. In our experience, many of these concerns can often be most quickly resolved by talking to the class teacher as they know your children best. Please be aware that the Chair of Governors does not become involved unless a formal complaint is logged having completed all previous steps. The Complaints Procedure is on the website.

Please use the chart below to know who you need to speak to.

Who do I speak to and in what order?

Steps	Learning / Classroom/ Staffing issues	Pastoral / Additional Needs	School Administration
1	In the first instance, please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher after school by appointment. Appointments can be made via the school office.	If you're struggling with pastoral issues such as routines, attendance or you just need to reach out, ask the office to book you an appointment to speak to Mrs Mellor (SENCO)	Please speak to Mrs Manning, Mrs H-C or Mrs Petley in the school office.
2	If you feel your query has not been resolved, please arrange to speak to Mr Booth or Mrs Skeels (Assistant Headteachers)	Concerns or actions related to Special Educational Needs or pastoral issues still not sorted, ask the office to book you an appointment to speak to Mrs Mellor (SENCO) .	If you have a complaint with regards to a member of the office team, go to Step 3.
3	<u>If still not sorted?</u>		
	Please make an appointment to speak to our Head teacher, Mrs Jearrad . This meeting may also be attended by a member of the staff or Senior Leadership Team to ensure actions from any previous meetings can be discussed. Still not satisfied? Formal Complaint Process Step 1 with Mrs Jearrad.		
	<u>Formal Complaints</u>		
4	If you are unhappy with the outcome of your queries and are proceeding to a formal complaint Step 2 having followed all the previous steps, please contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs. Jackie Barker		

Holiday Activities

at Romsey Library

Christmas Storytime in Italian
Saturday 14th December, 10am

Christmas Storytime
Tuesday 17th December, 11am
Tuesday 24th December, 11am

Christmas Storytime with special visit from Father Christmas*

Friday 20th December, 11am
Includes one small gift per child

Festive Crafts*
Saturday 21st December, 10-11am

Stay and Play
Friday 27th December, 9:30am-1:30pm
Friday 3rd January, 9:30am-1:30pm

Silly Scott's Winter Wonderland*
Saturday 28th December, 9:30am-11:45am

Join us for a fantastic morning of activities to follow! This event is suitable for children aged 4-11. Children who receive free school meals as part of pupil premium or are supported under an SEN/HCIP. Includes free goody bag with indoor activity, plus tea/lunch bag to take away.

Board games
Monday 23rd Dec, 10am - 13pm
Monday 30th Dec, 10am - 13pm
Thursday 2nd January, 10am - 4pm



*ticketed event.
Book your place via
shop.hants.gov.uk

Chatterbooks

Romsey Library

Sat 7th December, 3 - 4pm



Our Chatterbooks group meets every first Saturday of the month to explore a different theme inspired by books!

If you're aged 7-11 come along, no need to book!



CHRISTMAS CRACKER

HOLIDAY COURSES
FOOTBALL, MULTI-SPORTS, PERFORMING ARTS, GYMNASTICS, INFLATABLES, CRAFTS AND MUCH MORE!

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH, WATER BOTTLE & COAT

VENUE	MANSEL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
DATES	23RD DECEMBER & 2ND JANUARY & 3RD JANUARY
AGES	4 - 12 YEAR OLDS
PRICE	£20 PER DAY
TIME	9 AM - 3 PM
OUT OF HOURS	8-9 AM £6 (BREAKFAST INCLUDED) 3-4.30 PM £6

FUNDED PLACES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SOUTHAMPTON HAF BOOKING SYSTEM

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360° CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP

23RD DEC, 2ND & 3RD JAN

SPORTS COACHING

SPORTS, CRAFTS & GAMES

Scan the QR Code to book your place!

Info@360degreesportscoaching.com
www.360degreesportscoaching.co.uk
02382 001430

HORNS DROVE COMMUNITY CHILDCARE

January Holiday Club from 02.01.2025 - 03.01.2025

Happy New Year

Holiday club activities on Thursday and Friday will include baking, making calendars, and engaging in winter-themed arts and crafts.

We are taking bookings for 2-11 year olds

Holiday club: 8.00AM-6PM including breakfast

Horns Drove, Bakers Drove, Rowthams, SO16 8AD

Book Now: 02380 737207
enquiries@hornsdrove.uk

Christmas Crafts

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND

Come along to a friendly and supportive group, try some festive decoration making and meet other parents

Friday 6th December 10:00-11:30
@Rosewood free school (main hall) SO16 5NA

RSVP to:
Carina 0749152224
carinaruddy9@hotmail.co.uk
Lucy 07432085532
lucyannis62@googlemail.com

Are you dealing with child to parent violence?

Get help at **Building Respectful Families**

Where: 30 Brookvale Road, SO17 3DF
When: Tuesdays from 20th Jan 2025 for 8 weeks (excluding school holidays)
Time: 3.30pm - 12pm

Drinks and biscuits provided

Referrals via Yellow Door
Email: info@yellowdoor.org.uk
Tel: 02380 438112
Web: https://www.yellowdoor.org.uk

Referrals and queries for this course can be sent directly to Yellow Door at info@yellowdoor.org.uk

Building Relationships

FREE 6 week online course for couples

7.30-9pm on Thursday 27th Feb; 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March; 3rd April 2025

Covering topics such as Improving Communication, Managing Conflict and Feeling Closer to Each Other

PRIVACY: each online session uses Zoom "focus" mode - which means you can't see the other couples and they can't see you. Any discussions between you and your partner will take place in private breakout rooms.

The sessions:

- are on Zoom - attend in your own home
- are friendly and relaxed - no need to speak in the group
- need to be attended by **both of you together**

Email us at info@sfrtrust.org.uk to book a place

Southampton Family Trust
building relationships

Parenting Children with ADHD

For parents & carers of children with ADHD aged 3 - 11 years old.

FREE 8 week online course via Zoom

Mondays 7pm - 9pm
Starting 13th January 2025

Course dates: 13th, 20th, 27th January, 3rd, 10th, 24th February and 3rd, 10th March.

To book a place email: info@sfrtrust.org.uk

Help to learn more about ADHD!

- Coping with feelings
- Meeting your child's emotional needs
- Boost your parent/child relationship
- Improve their self esteem
- Use effective discipline
- Tips for home, school & wider family
- Channel your child's energy

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