**INFORMATION SESSIONS**

 **(Parents, teaching assistants, teachers, child-minders and all other interested parties very welcome.)**

**1:30 – 3pm repeated 3:30 - 5pm in the community room at**

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| **Topic** | **Date** | **Notes** |
| **Executive functioning** | **Friday 2nd Nov** | **Looking at working memory, reasoning, organisation, time management, flexibility, problem-solving as well as planning and task completion.** Recognising working memory failure. Games and activities to develop auditory memory. How to build attention, focus and concentration. Experienced retired Educational Psychologist co-presenting. |
| **Learning to Wait****Language development** | **Friday 9th Nov** | **Why is it so important to be able to wait? It is the basis of resilience, social interaction (turn-taking) and self-control (internal discourse). We will also consider undetected language problems. Retired Ed Psychologist co-presenting.** |
| **How can I help a child who may have autistic traits? (e.g.Asperger’s/Autism/PDA)** | **Friday 16th Nov** | **As anxiety is at the root of so many behaviours, anyone wanting a greater understanding of these would benefit from attending. We will look at strategies including social stories, ideas for in & out of the class /at home. Retired E.P. here.** |
| Preparing for Christmas for those children who have suffered **loss** or any **change** | **Friday 23rd Nov** | **How to help a child suffering from one of these debilitating issues, in the classroom or at home, including working through the stages of grief. How loss, grief, separation and change are linked. Ways you can help a grieving parent. How children of different ages react. Covers divorce and bereavement too.** |
| **Aspects of DYSLEXIA – ‘Can you be a bit dyslexic?’ and ‘How to help children learn to read better’** | **Friday 30th Nov** | **Hints and tips for empowering those who struggle to read. Straightforward and effective strategies for school and home, resources supplied. Also ideal for volunteers hearing reading in school.** |
| **Understanding boys’ learning and motivation** | **Friday 7th Dec** | **Boys can under-achieve, show disruptive behaviour and lack motivation for learning. We will learn about boys’ brains, matching needs to activities and creating boy-friendly lessons, classrooms and homes. We’ll look at shame too.** |
| **Preparing for Christmas; keep calm and MISP** | **Friday 14th Dec** | **Children who overreact /are not maximising their potential; could this be the way forward for your child (in class/at home)? Learn strategies to keep yourself and the class calm. Massage in Schools Programme – feel free to ring for more details.** |

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