



## Race Leys Infant School

Autism Awareness Coffee Afternoon 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

All parents from Race Leys Infants, Race Leys Juniors and Happy Tykes nursery were invited to share in our 'Autism Awareness' coffee afternoon.

It was lovely to see the event attended by parents with children who have an autistic diagnosis, those awaiting a diagnosis and parents within our school community who have no previous connection with autism but wanted to find out more.

We were also joined by Jo Taylor from 'The Family Information Service' and 'Kelly Mills' from the local family network. We were also supported by the specialist teacher service (STS) who support fortnightly in both schools.

Alongside our visitors, both school's learning mentors, Jo and Liz, were able to offer support to parents and siblings through the school's young carer's scheme. School Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator (SENDCO) Kerry Gurr from the infants and Matt Bevan from the junior school were available to offer support and answer questions as was the infants Head Teacher Judith Ward. Should you need support and advice please do not hesitate to contact Kerry Gurr or Matt Bevan to point you to the relevant support professionals

Please follow the link to see a short video showing what it can feel like for a child with autism to access a shopping centre

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lr4\\_dOorquQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lr4_dOorquQ)

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If you would like any information about Autism please make an appointment with the school office to meet with Mrs Gurr or via email [admin2614@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2614@welearn365.com)