

Talking is our Business.



Jane Mullen Speech Therapy Ltd.

January 2017

Happy new Year

All of the team at Jane Mullen Speech Therapy Ltd would like to wish all out families and settings a very happy new year. We can't wait to get out there talking with you all. We have lots of exciting events and groups planned for 2017 and we are sure its going to be filled with lots of communication success .

Jack is pleased to announce he has a new friend helping him out there across Cheshire.



We are really pleased to have Jenny Booth in our team.

Jenny has been busy this term across Runcorn and Warrington nurseries. She is also busy setting up a group with some local Childminders.

Keep an eye out on what's happening near you by following Chatterjacks on Facebook or @Chatterjacks on twitter. Chatterjacks also has its own dedicated webpage with all the information you need to learn more.



<http://www.chatterjacks.co.uk>



Special Schools

As always thank you to all the staff who help to support the communication with all the pupils in the schools and helping to keep those pupils talking throughout the day. We have been proud to support new staff within our schools and have delivered various workshops for new starters to give them

an overview of the wide range of Speech and Language Input that goes on in a school from the use of pictures to communicate, electronic communication devices and intensive interaction. We look forward to helping out parents with workshops on the creation of visual supports and social stories (copyright of carol Gray), for them to use at home.

Our Lego clubs are growing and we are now running them in 5 of our settings. The groups focus on building peer interaction and social skills. The groups help with turn taking, eye contact, sharing, waiting, problem solving, listening, giving instructions/following instructions, and developing verbal and non verbal language.



Schools service

What a busy start to the year we have had. How wonderful to see familiar faces after and how exciting to meet some new ones too! Welcome to those new schools that have joined us this term.

Thanks must go to all of the staff in our schools for making time to recognise the importance of speech language and communication needs.

It's been an exciting time and we have been making use of screens and assessments to explore the level and needs of the children accessing the service. We love reviewing the progress of a service users and getting to know our new referrals.

Training sessions are on the cards to empower our schools and support them further in meeting the speech language and communication needs of their pupils

We look forward to continuing to provide the best support service for the children, families and staff in our mainstream schools.



Communication Aid success.



A big thank you to the sequal trust for helping us to secure a communication aid to a young man who is non-verbal. The trial of the Allora 2 device from Techness has already changed his life.

The sequal trust are a national fundraiser who help to bridge the gap of communication by helping to provide communication aids



Useful links

If your looking for fact sheets to explain how to support children's language and communication www.ican.org

To find top speech websites visit www.kidmunicate.com

News to laugh at!

We are really excited to have 2 finalists in the Voice Box annual national joke competition run by the [Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists](#) and [The Communication Trust](#). The competition is a fun way to promote communication in mainstream and special schools across the country.



“Did you here about the man who invented the Knock, Knock joke?”

“.... He won the no-bell prize!”

Age 8, Acorns Primary School and Nursery, Ellesmere Port

“What vegetable should you not take on a boat?”

“....a leek!”

Age 8, J H Godwin, Chester

This Year was the most successful year for entries so we are so excited that two of our schools have been shortlisted to attend as finalists.

They are both heading down to London to meet Mr Speaker in Westminster.

Good luck to both of you.



International Stammering Awareness Day (ISAD) was held on 22nd October 2016.

Only by talking openly about stammering will we gradually remove the stigma and misunderstanding surrounding it. And there's an additional benefit to us as well – talking about it is therapeutic in its own right!

key points to about stammering from
The British Stammering Association

Individuals who have lived with a stammer develop an greater empathy, and develop excellent listening skills.

The cause of stammering is neurological (to do with the brain).

Stammering is a normal occurrence in 1% of the population throughout the world. Speech production is a hugely complex system of connections within the brain. In such a complex system things don't always go according to plan. So it's not surprising that fluent speech is not achieved in everyone. The speech production area in the brains of one in every hundred people, or about 600,000 people in the UK, fails to develop fluent speech

The BSA is a fantastic source of help and advice.

It brings the stammering community together through regular events and [online](#), and has a list of local [self-help groups](#). It provides information on anything to do with stammering.

Speech therapy for children who have just started to stammer is especially important.

It can help to reduce the chance of stammering continuing into adulthood

Myths and misunderstandings about stammering.

People don't stammer because they're less intelligent, or have nothing to say. Being shy or nervous does not cause stammering.

Bad parenting does not cause stammering.

Neither, in most cases, does trauma.

Allow someone who stammers the time to speak.

If talking to a person who stammers, don't finish their sentences. Maintain natural eye contact and wait patiently till they finish speaking.

www.stammering.org

