

Early Intervention Family Worker Newsletter 18th October 2021.

Early Intervention Family Workers

are linked to Primary Schools and are available to provide information, support and signposting for parents.

The St. Neots area is covered by Lorraine Simon and Charlotte Dean, and we are working virtually at present, providing phone and email support. Feel free to get in touch via the contact details at the bottom of this newsletter.

Halloween Activities

Mummy Race

Split into teams and pick one person to be the mummy. The rest of the team wrap them up in toilet paper until they are transformed into a mummy. The team that mummifies the fastest wins.

Take a look at this website for some great Halloween ideas (I love the straw skeletons)
<https://www.weareteachers.com/halloween-classroom-games-activities-crafts/>



Parenting Top Tip Constructive Criticism

When you are telling your child off or letting them know you are not pleased with their behaviour it can be useful to give the 'criticism' in a constructive way. Here are some examples:

'I know that really you are a thoughtful and kind person, but what you just said to your sister was not very nice at all, now please apologise to her.'

'On the whole you are very good at keeping your things tidy, but just lately you seem to be having a bit of trouble with this, what can we do about it?'

'I like that you are usually so polite, but the way you just spoke to me just now was very rude. Please say it again, but politely this time.'

Always make sure you are clear that it is the behaviour you don't approve of. Aim to teach your child to do the right thing rather than just reprimanding them and putting in consequences.

Another Resource:

Some lovely conker activities here from The Woodland Trust (checkout the Conker Models, they're amazing)

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/09/conker-crafts/>

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint (www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk) have lots of information, advice, and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer