



Thomley Notice Board

This is the 6th edition of our "notice board" which aims to pass on information which we think might be useful. Please note that we cannot verify the quality of the services offered and recommend you find out further information directly from the organisers.

Events

Soundabout Family Music Sessions for all children with severe and complex learning disabilities, aged 16 and under with their families and carers. £10 for each child with a disability, refreshments are provided although you would be more than welcome to bring a picnic for after the session.

The dates for the sessions are: -

- Saturday 26th September and Saturday 21st November - 10.30am to 12.30pm for mobile children and 2pm to 4pm for wheelchair users.
- Saturday 14th November - 2pm to 4pm for children aged 8 years and under.

To book please call 01844 338898 or email info@soundabout.org.uk

The National Autistic Society Aylesbury Branch Launch Day - Saturday 31st October (11am-4pm)
Free admission

The launch of the new Aylesbury branch will have information stands, refreshments, tombola, face painting, cake stall, craft activities, a raffle and many more different activities! The event will take place at the Multicultural Centre, Friarscroft Way, Aylesbury, HP20 2TE.

Training

Two day Speech Therapy Workshop - 17th & 18th October; South Warborough, OX10 7DR (£220)

Ms Anna Regner PhD in Speech therapy and special teacher, trained in the Castillo Morales Method is regarded as one of the best speech therapists in Poland. She is now putting on training for Parents, speech therapists, occupational therapists, psychologists, physiotherapists, nurses and other professionals in Oxfordshire. The training consists of 5 hours of theory and 10 hours practical learning. To book a place on this course email Anna Janiak on Janiak.ania@gmail.com by 9th October, or alternatively call Anna on 07928 135 295.

Puzzle Training Workshops - All workshops run from 10am - 12pm (Parents £5; professionals £10)
Open to any parent or professional with an interest in meeting the needs of children with autism or communication difficulties. The training sessions are being held on the following dates: -

- Thursday 1st October 2009 - Statutory Assessment, Statements and Schools
(Led by Alex Stanyer, Director of Puzzle)
- Tuesday 3rd November 2009 - Signing and Natural Gesture
(Led by Alex Stanyer, Director of Puzzle)
- Wednesday 18th November 2009 - Speech and Language Therapy at Puzzle
(Led by Diana Hilton-Jones)

To book a place please email mandylawer@puzzlepreschool.co.uk or call 01296 733900.

Respite

Carers Weekend 2009 - 9th-11th October

The Carers Weekend is a weekend of relaxation, good food and fun; away in the countryside. The weekend offers a free massage and demonstrates different stress relieving techniques.

A single occupancy is £85 for the weekend and a double occupancy is £75.

Please call 01491 833395 for a booking form, or email asna@special1.fsnet.co.uk for further information.

Campaigns

Autism Bill – In May, the Government pledged its full support for the Autism Bill, which was unanimously voted through the committee stage. The text of the Bill has changed, to become adult-focused and include the adult autism strategy. This would add legal force to the strategy, and legal obligations for councils and health agencies.

Local MP David Lidington has also recently showed his support in the House of Commons where he supported the second reading of the Autism Bill. Visit www.autism.org.uk/dhstrategy to read more.

Parent Carer Forums - Families with disabled children

The National Autistic Society coffee morning - Thursday 8th October from 12.15 to 2.00pm

Run by a group of parents with children on the Autism spectrum, they aim to give advice and support to those with ASD and their families. Their guest speaker Valerie Robertson will talk about the services that Bucks Play Association have on offer including the Let's Play Together holiday scheme. The discussion will also include forthcoming family events on offer. It will take place at the Healthy Living Centre in Aylesbury. For more information please email aylesburyvale@nas.org.uk.

Working with Challenging Behaviours on the Autism Spectrum - 3rd October from 2.45pm-5.00pm

Donna Williams has herself been diagnosed with Autism, written 9 books, and is an international speaker about Autism. Donna will be taking questions after her lecture, and there will also be a ten minute talk from a local teenager with Asperger syndrome. Prices are £20 for professionals, £10 for family members, and £5 for concessions. For enquiries or booking forms please contact 07780 805451 or info@autismspeakersandprofessionals.org.uk.

Parenting Conference - Monday 19th October (Green Park Training Centre, Bucks, HP22 5NE)

The aim of the parenting conference is to increase awareness around parenting and family support in Buckinghamshire. If you would like more information on this event, or would like to attend then call the Green Park Centre in Aston Clinton on 01296 633800 or email on gpark@buckscc.gov.uk.

Holiday places

The Thomas Centre is a luxury 4* development set in the countryside of Lincolnshire, and is designed for families with communication impaired children and adults. It is also used by Autistic children. The family who own the Thomas centre have designed it after having a child with a communication impairment, so understand the difficulties that can arise when going on holiday. The buildings are built to M2 disabled regulations, and offer a unique, fun facility for families to enjoy their time away. Visit the website www.thethomascentre.co.uk for more information. Or call 01507 363463.

Bond Holidays offer a unique service with multiple holiday destinations in Blackpool to choose from. They offer fully accessible specialist accommodation, transportation and equipment for disabled users. Their wheelchair accessible coaches offer a local and national transport service and all staff are trained to offer the highest standards of care. They also have teamed up with "Holidays with care" to help provide all disabled children and adults all the care they might need while on holiday. For further information visit the website www.bondhotel.co.uk or email on sales@bondhotel.co.uk.

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