



Thomley Notice Board

This is the 7th 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 15th May and Saturday 10th July - 10.30am to 12.30pm for mobile children and 2pm to 4pm for wheelchair users.
- Saturday 8th May and Saturday 12th June - 2pm to 4pm for children aged 8 years and under.

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

Training

The National Autistic Society Socialeyes programme has been designed with and for people with autism and is primarily suitable for individuals with Aspergers syndrome as a new and innovative way to help support them to become more confident in social situations. The Socialeyes resource pack includes two DVDs containing useful social scenario clips modelled by professional actors. The DVDs are all given structure by a presenter, and broken down into manageable chunks. There is also a CD Rom containing all the guidance. The pack addresses 8 social skills modules which are: - Starting a conversation; eye contact; personal space; taking turns in conversation; keeping on topic; talking about interests and ending a conversation. The pack retails at £89.95; or a place on a two day training course costs £315 plus VAT (the training course includes the Socialeyes pack). Please visit www.autism.org.uk/socialeyes or email Socialeyes.team@nas.org.uk to purchase the pack or to book the two day training.

Activities

New music club for children with disabilities age 0-19yrs - Crowmarsh Village Hall, Crowmarsh

The new music club run by South Oxfordshire Mencap is available to all children with a disability and their carers; siblings are also welcome to attend the club. Take along your favourite instrument for an hour of music making, singing and fun! There is an hour music session from 6-7.00pm followed by refreshments on the following dates: -

- 29th March, 10th May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd Aug, 6th Sept, 4th Oct, 1st Nov, 6th Dec.
- Easter Music Club on Monday April 12th.
- Summer Music Club on Sunday August 15th.

Admission is £2 per child. To book please contact Sophia Nicholls on asna@special1.fsnet.co.uk or 07768 298297. Alternatively contact Julie Hinton on j.rumble626@btinternet.com or 01189722322.

Cerebral Palsy Sport - Thursday 22nd April - Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre, OX4 6JL

A Multi Sports development day open to any children with cerebral palsy or a physical disability. The day is running from 10am until 2pm and will contain lots of sports such as football and athletics. Wear sports clothes and be prepared to make new friends, learn new skills and most importantly have fun!

To book, please contact Sue Dodd on 0115 925 6442 or e mail sue.todd@cpsport.org.

Parent Carer Forums - Families with disabled children

Autism in the Early Years conference hosted by The Puzzle Centre - Friday 2nd July (9:00am-4:30pm)

Professor Tony Charman, from the Institute of Education, will provide an overview of conclusions from recent research into early intervention. The conference near Milton Keynes in Buckinghamshire will bring together researchers, practitioners and parent/carers to discuss the subject of early intervention for young children with autism. It will examine leading research, national strategy and good practice within both mainstream and specialist provisions, for pre-school children with autism and their families. Prices are £85 for professionals; £75 early bird price (by April 23rd) and £60 for parents. Contact mandylawer@puzzlepreschool.co.uk to book.

The National Autistic Society coffee morning - Thursday 11th March (10:00am-12:00pm)

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. With guest speaker Milly Truen, who will talk about the services that Thomley Activity Centre has to offer. It will take place at the Healthy Living Centre in Aylesbury. For more information please email aylesburyvale@nas.org.uk.

Autism Oxford presents Professor Tony Attwood - Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th June (8:30am for 9:30-4:30pm)

This conference will offer invaluable insights to enhance understanding of how individuals may be affected by Asperger's syndrome and high functioning autism, with examples of best practice strategies. It will be of interest to anyone seeking a greater understanding of children, teenagers and adults with Asperger's syndrome or high functioning autism, particularly medical professionals of all disciplines, educators and professionals in Health and Social and Care. Booking rates for professionals are £170 for one day or £300 for both days. Rates for people with ASC and their family members will be £100 for one day or £180 for both days. Email info@autismoxford.org.uk or call 01844 353292 to book.

Holiday places

Home From Home (Scarborough) Ltd

For the past 3 years Linda & Nigel Giddings have been organising and running holidays in Cyprus, for people with learning disabilities. The business was called Home From Home (Cyprus) Ltd. Due to a severe bout of homesickness, they have now returned to their home in the lovely seaside resort of Scarborough on the north Yorkshire coast. They therefore have changed the name of the business to Home From Home (Scarborough) Ltd, and are going to provide holidays in Scarborough for people with learning disabilities. The holidays will be based on an all inclusive deal. The one price covers your accommodation in a lovely detached house, all meals and drinks are included as well as free excursions. Their vehicles are fully insured to take you out and about to any local attractions you wish to visit. Just tell them where you'd like to go, and they'll take you there! The cost of the holiday is £225 for 4 nights; extra nights are just £56 per person. They even offer a door to door collection service, where they will pick you up, and return you at the end of the holiday. To book or enquire about a holiday you can contact Linda and Nigel on 01723 379515 or 07786 256979.

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