

North Wiltshire Opportunity Group for Pre School Children with Special Needs  
District Specialist Centre for North Wiltshire  
King's Rise Children's Centre, Lodge Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire,  
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**Messages from Jane the Manager**  
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## Drip, drip, drop, little April showers.

This has been the theme of the Easter holidays which is always a shame when the children are home and there is often no option other than to stay indoors. We know that going out and about for some children is not as easy or pleasurable as we would like. In the holidays we held some playdates and activity days which meant that we were able to share time with some families and offer some short breaks too. It is always a delight to see the children and appreciate that Springboard offers them some continuity at a time of change and unpredictability.



We are currently planning for the summer holidays and will be issuing details of the programme shortly. Please note that these activities are delivered in addition to term time sessions and are in response to demand. If the uptake is not there then we will cancel sessions. So please book early in order that we can be sure to offer as much support as possible to you and your child. You will find the information on our website <https://springboardchippenham.co.uk/events/>

## School starters 2018

By the time you are reading this you should know of the mainstream school places that your child has been offered. For children waiting on special school places this will be agreed on an individual basis through the EHCP process. Please let us know on any confirmed places, we can then all work together with the school on transition plans.

## Comments from Wiltshire Council's Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Ofsted Inspection.

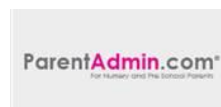
Children who have SEN and/or disabilities achieve well in early years. This is because professionals in education, health and care quickly and accurately identify their needs and put in place the correct support to meet children's needs effectively.

Children under five years old with emerging or identified SEN and/or disabilities and their families benefit from strong multi-agency provision from early years partners. District specialist centres, including outreach support, are highly valued by multi-agency partners and parents. The specialist provision is based in four localities with a 'hub and spoke' approach for families living outside of those areas. This supports early, holistic and joined up identification and assessment of need.

The district specialist centres provide effective support for children who have SEN and/or disabilities and their families. Several parents gave positive feedback about their experiences of the services provided. For example, effective support enables parents to have some respite or to spend more quality time with their other children. They also welcome the opportunity to meet other parents at organised events such as 'Saturdays' and 'Rabbits'. Parents describe how these opportunities reduce their isolation and anxiety. Full report available from

## Important messages from the Admin Team

Springboard are changing the software we use in the office.  
We will be using a cloud based company called Nursery in a Box.



- This is partly to be fully compliant with the new Data Protection guidelines.
- However, the new system also enables us to send you (encrypted) documents so they are safe and secure.
- We will also have the facility to send you messages – re term dates, holiday sessions, closures etc. and likewise you can contact us via the communication tool.

As part of the changeover process, you will receive an email from Parent Admin / Nursery in a Box asking you to complete/ update your child's registration.

**An email will be sent to you shortly, please look out for this email as it may go into your SPAM box.**

## News from the Playroom



This Term we are focusing on Schemas and how schemas support the children's learning and development. Schemas are repeated patterns of play behaviour which allow children to explore and express their developing ideas and thoughts through play and exploration. The repetitive actions of schematic play allows children to understand concepts and construct meaning to the patterns they are engaged in. It is their way of exploring the world in a way that makes sense to them.

As parents and carers, many of you may have seen your children demonstrating a type of Schema, please note this in the observations you see in their Tapestry accounts.

Some of the most recognisable Schemas are:

Rotating – Children enjoys spinning items, or themselves, round and round.

Positioning – Lining up items up and putting them into groups.

Transporting – Collecting and moving items from one place to another.

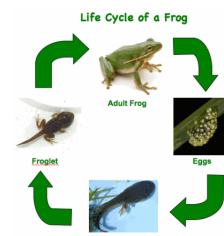
There are 8 Schemas and during this term we will be looking at each type and providing activities and toys for children to explore these during play. An understanding of Schemas as a way that children explore the world helps us to understand children's play behaviour, which in turn supports accurate assessment and planning for children's Next Steps in their development.

Please see attached document for more information and there is a Schema display in the corridor just outside the Springboard double-doors. Please feel free to have a look.

## Springboards Tadpoles

You will also note that Springboard have Tadpoles, the children are enjoying having live creatures to watch and care for.

Watch this space for the **FROGS!**



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## Friends of Springboard Fundraising Group

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Nominated Charity at Castle Combe Race Circuit's Race Day

We need volunteers to help collect donations on the Race Day, entry ticket supplied and children are admitted free.



### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Family Fun Day to Remember Rosie at Castle Combe Race Circuit.

Rosie's Rainbow Run and Ride is a family event being held in the memory of Rosie Simpson who sadly passed away last October, just after her 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Rosie had attended Springboard since the age of 6 months and along with her family enjoyed all the activities that were on offer.

We have designed a day that is intended to be full of fun, colour and activity. Rosie's Mum, Lucy has designed a very beautiful bespoke medal for everyone taking part in the Run and Ride. We have something for everyone, there will be inflatables, activity stalls, ice creams, cakes, face painting and beat a goalie to name but a few. There is a raffle with a huge range of great prize's from many kind supporters.

Kind people have been busy knitting and making crocheted Roses for Rosie. These will be on sale for people to buy and wear in memory of Rosie as she always had flowers in her hair.

In order to achieve this we need support from any volunteers to help on the day . If you think that you can help and be part of this very special event, please contact us.

Tickets are available to purchase from our website

<https://springboardchippenham.co.uk/events/rosies-rainbow-run-ride/>



Please come along and join this family friendly event.



### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Annual Charity Golf Day at Bowood Golf Club.

If you are interested in attending please email Kris Boulton on [boultonkris@gmail.com](mailto:boultonkris@gmail.com) for more details.

**If you are able to help at any of the above events, please contact a member of staff or email [admin@springboardchippenham.co.uk](mailto:admin@springboardchippenham.co.uk) or call 01249 657145.**

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### Term Dates for 2017/2018

Term 5 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Term 6 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June until Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Saturdads

We are having a lot of fun getting to know Dads and their children. The session is designed to enable dads to play with their child (ren) in a session tailored to meet their child's needs. Staff are available to support these sessions.

If you would like to come and join our Saturday morning fun sessions with your children, the next Saturdads will be on **21<sup>st</sup> April 2018**.

Dates for the rest of the year are as follows, **19<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018**.

## Workshops

Listed below are the upcoming workshops for this academic year, if you are interested in attending any of them please follow the link to our website to book your place.

Makaton Beginners All Day Workshop on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018**, Makaton Taster Session on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 12.45-2.15pm** and Pictures are Powerful **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 7.00-9.00pm**.

<https://springboardchippenham.co.uk/workshops/>

## Special Educational Need (SEN) Support network

Please remember if we do not have the answer then some of these people will.

<https://www.wiltshirelocaloffer.org.uk/>

<http://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Signposting> - **Support for families - WISA (Wiltshire Independent Support and Advice) Service**



## Children Centres for North Wiltshire, Children Centre changes

As you will now be aware the children centre provider for the North District is The Rise Trust, for those of you living in Chippenham and surrounding areas, this remains the same as before. <http://www.therisetrust.org/>

Centres are open in Chippenham, Calne, Cricklade and Wootton Bassett – Activities occur throughout the district taking place in a variety of venues. We have information here so please ask but otherwise call the contact line on **01249 463040**



We are using Facebook more and more for events and updates so please join the group to avoid missing out.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Springboard-Opportunity-group-Chippenham/378555055532652>

Follow us on Twitter too



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## Committee Members

**Paul Sweet** (Chair and Safeguarding Rep)  
**Natasha Billett** (Treasurer)  
**Rachel Viles** (Friends Coordinator)  
**Maddie Harris**  
**Paul Loveday**