

Volunteer and make a difference

Springboard needs volunteers to be able to continue to offer the amazing support all our children and their families receive while attending our Pre -School and beyond. If you or your friends and family would like to get involved and make a difference to others, please contact Caroline or Sarah on admin@springboardchippenham.co.uk.



We have lots of different volunteer roles to suit everyone ranging from becoming a trustee on our Management Committee, to gaining sponsorship from companies, helping at our fundraising events and many more. We are a small team working to deliver big organisational aims. If you or someone you know could spare some time to support us by getting involved then please let us know. Our gratitude knows no bounds.

Please meet our Playroom Volunteer Charlotte

Charlotte applied to be a volunteer through Work Wiltshire's Community Connecting, see link below for more details.

<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/support-for-those-with-barriers-to-work/community-connecting/>

Both Charlotte and her younger brother have attended Springboard in the past so she already had a strong family link to our Special Needs Pre-School.

Charlotte was supported on her first day by her Community Coordinator to meet the members of staff and some of the children in the Playroom, she was quite shy when she first went in the setting and was concerned about how she was going to move around in her wheelchair and still be able to safely work with the children.



This volunteering opportunity has been a great way for Charlotte to get into a routine and give her something to look forward to. Like all our playroom volunteers Charlotte is developing a skill and knowledge about things such as Makaton and Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) used by the children for communication and play.

"I enjoy being treated as a member of the team and having responsibilities" Charlotte

THANK YOU

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all our other long standing Volunteers **Becky, Penny and Amanda**, who continue to give up their free time to support us and to all our donors and supporters.



News from the Playroom Our Topic this term is **COLOURS**



Your children will be experiencing lots of different activities to discover colours for example we shall use water paints to do colour mixing, animal puppets, colour hunt outside, reading books such as Dr Seuss My Many Coloured Day, chalk Bombs, light boxes using coloured tissue paper and paper flowers, balloon activity, coloured scarfs and parachutes are just a few ideas.

October Half Term holiday Independent Session and Playdate

We are excited to announce that we will be offering an Independent Activity Day for Springboard children aged 2-4 years in the October Half Term. There will be a limited number of places available. As this activity day is different from our usual sessions you will see some different members of staff as well as some familiar faces too!

Our holiday club will take place **Wednesday 31st October 2018 from 9am-3pm** and will cost £20 per child per day.

To book a place on the activity days please follow the links below

<https://springboardchippenham.co.uk/events/holiday-independent-sessions/>

Our **Playdate Session** will be on **Monday 29th October at 10-11.30am**, this is a stay and play session for you all enjoy, it would be lovely to see you there.

Workshops

We have workshops planned for the year and all information is available on our website. Please follow the link below.

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

Our next Saturdads 6th October 2018

Saturdads is a group for Dads and other male carers of children who have special educational needs or disabilities. The group meets monthly at Springboard Opportunity Group in Chippenham from 9.30-11.30am. Activities include painting and other messy play and Dads/Carers can use the centre's quiet spaces, sensory room, garden and play areas. For more information please follow the link below.

<https://springboardchippenham.co.uk/events/saturdads/>



Term 1 Thursday 6th September 2018 until Wednesday 24th October 2018

Term 2 Monday 5th November 2018 until Thursday 20th December 2018

Term 3 Monday 7th January 2019 until Friday 15th February 2019

Term 4 Monday 25th February 2019 until Friday 5th April 2019

Term 5 Tuesday 23rd April 2019 until Friday 24th May 2019

Term 6 Monday 3rd June 2019 until Wednesday 24th July 2019.