

North Wiltshire Opportunity Group for Pre School Children with Special Needs
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Messages from Jane the Manager
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The term is of course off to a busy start, we have new children and families joining us and so there is always something happening.

We say Hello to: Joshua, Kayden, Charlie, Gracie, Elijah and their families. We hope that your time with us is beneficial to you all.

We say Goodbye to: Kardel, Atharv and their families. We wish them well in the next part of their journey.

Many of you will know we had a visit from Ofsted as part of the Wiltshire Councils Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Strategic Inspection. Thanks to all of you who participated in some shape or form. It was a good opportunity to share and discuss the things that are going well for improving outcomes for children as well as those things that hinder progress. We will wait to hear the outcome of the inspection. In the meantime we continue to work in partnership with all other professionals.

Please contact us as always if there is anything that you are unsure of regarding your child's placement with us.

I am delighted to welcome new trustees on to the management committee, it really does make a difference having interested people getting involved in helping to improve the delivery of Springboard. Fundraising is a major part of our need, but we equally need the right people around the table to act as a critical friend in the running and sustainability of our Springboard.

Welcome to **Paul Sweet** as **Chairperson**, **Paul Loveday**, **Co-opted Member** and current parent and **Maddie Harris** from Goughs Solicitors who brings her professional experience to our team.

Parent Carer Questionnaire from Wiltshire Council

Springboard has received a request from Wiltshire Council, whom are about to embark on updating their **Childcare Sufficiency Audit** and are keen to learn what parents and carers of children aged 0-14 (0-19 for SEND children) think about childcare options in Wiltshire.



Please if you have a few minutes to complete the survey, the more responses they receive, the clearer the picture they will obtain.

This survey will run until the 10 March 2018. The full report will be published in April, please follow the links below.

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-sufficiency-assessment>

<https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=151696644567>

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FRIENDS
OF **SPRINGBOARD**



Friends of Springboard Fundraising Meeting.

On Thursday 1st February we held a Friends of Springboard Meeting, we are small group made up of staff, parents and past parents who meet up occasionally to plan fundraising events, please if you are willing to help please talk to a member of Springboard staff or email admin@springboardchippenham.co.uk

Below is a list of the upcoming fundraising events:

Monday 12th March Quiz Night at Grounded in Chippenham, we are looking for a willing Quiz Master, a PA System and some raffle prizes so if you are able to help or know someone please get in touch.

Monday 28th May 2018, Nominated Charity at Castle Combe Race Circuit at a car racing event. Fifteen volunteers are needed to help collect donations on the Race Day (children are admitted free).

Sunday 10th June 2018, Family Fun Day to Remember Rosie at Castle Combe Race Circuit.

Friday 17th August 2018, Annual Charity Gold Day, if you are interested in attending please email Kris Boulton on 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

Easy Fundraising for Springboard while shopping online

Whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday you could collect a free donation for Springboard?

There are over 3,000 shops and site on board ready to make a donations including **Amazon**, **eBay**, **John Lewis**, [Booking.com](http://www.booking.com) and **Sainsbury's** – and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!



It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. **Join** - Head to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/springboardchippenham> and sign up for free.
2. **Shop** - Every time you shop online, go to easy fundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
3. **Raise** - After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Springboard will be really grateful for your donations

Dates for your Diary

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 **10th February 2018**.

Feel free to come along and enjoy the fun from 9.30am – 11.30am. We look forward to seeing you all.

Dates for the rest of the year are as follows, , 17th March 2018, 21st April 2018, 19th May 2018, 16th June 2018, 14th July 2018 and 11th August 2018.

February Holiday Playdate

Springboard will be open in the holidays on Thursday 15th February time 10.00-11.30am all we ask is for you to make a donation of £1 per child to cover refreshments.

These sessions aim to provide you with an opportunity to

- Play with your child (ren) in a safe and stimulating environment.
- Share ideas of activities to try at home.
- Make friends with other parents/carers.
- Talk to professionals about any concerns.

Please let us know if you are coming.

Pictures and Powerful Workshop

Springboards next pictures are powerful workshop is being held on Tuesday 20th February 2018 from 7.00-9.00pm at Springboard. If you are interested in attending please follow the link below to book your place.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pictures-are-powerful-workshop-2017-2018-tickets-36270209172>

Makaton Taster Session

Springboards next Makaton Taster Session is being held on Tuesday 6th March 2018 from 12.45-2.15pm at Springboard. If you are interested in attending please follow the link below to book your place.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/makaton-taster-workshop-2017-2018-tickets-36270576270>

For more information on other upcoming events and information, please visit Springboard Website by using the link below.

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

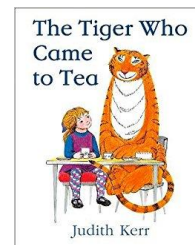
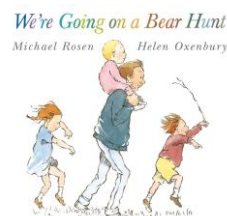
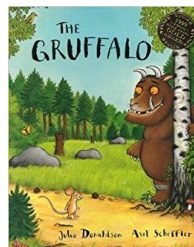
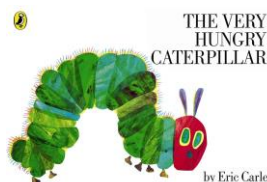
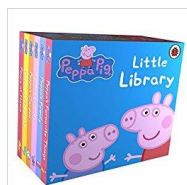
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News from the Playroom



Next term the playrooms topic is Books

We will be celebrating world book day on **Thursday 1st March 2018**, if **your** child would like to dress up as their favourite book characters and share their book with Springboard during the week starting on **Monday 26th February to Friday 2nd March 2018**, we shall look forward to seeing all the different outfits.



Term Dates for 2017/2018

Term 4 Monday 19th February until Friday 29th March 2018

Term 5 Monday 16th April until Friday 25th May 2018

Term 6 Monday 4th June until Wednesday 25th July 2018

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](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**



<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Chippenham/378555055532652>

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



Follow us on Twitter too @SpringboardChip

Committee Members

Paul Sweet (Chair and Safeguarding Rep)

Natasha Billett (Treasurer)

Rachel Viles (Friends Coordinator)

Maddie Harris

Paul Loveday