

Term 6 Newsletter



Springboard

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Hello everyone,

Here we are the end of the school year. It is a time when we are looking back and looking forward. We always suffer from mixed emotions when children are "Springboarding on". We are thrilled to see children ready for moving on, this is so satisfying. We have seen children change from babies to strong, thriving and resilient children.

We know that moving away from a familiar team to a new set up can often be an anxious time for parents – remember we were once new and unknown territory to you. There is one thing that is important for us to say whether you have been here months or years ... "Thank you, thank you for sharing your most precious beings with us. Thank you for trusting us. Your children have enriched us and taught us so much. They each leave their mark."

From our recent survey we are pleased to share the feedback that we received. The majority of which stated that people are pleased with what we offer and would like to see more of this.

Our summer programme is an example of how we respond to parental feedback to meet the needs of children and their families. We continue to seek grants and fundraising to enable us to take this approach.

For those of your returning to us in September there will be changes. Sadly The Rise Trust will no longer be providing their services from this Centre. This however has opened up an opportunity for us to provide more sessions. We will be using all playrooms to increase our session provision, so watch this space.

Best wishes

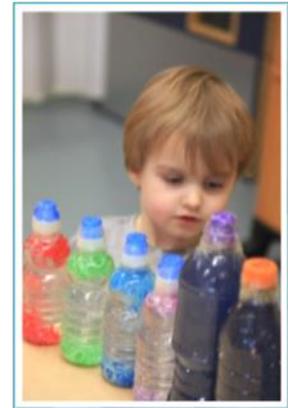
Term Dates:

Term 1: Monday 9 September to Wednesday 23 October (inclusive).

Term 2: Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December (inclusive).

Reminder - From September our Rabbits Stay and Play session will be held on a Tuesday morning

10.00 - 11.30 am.



Upcoming Events

July 31

Holiday Club (pre booked tickets only)

August 2

Summer Play Date 10-11.30am

August 6

Summer Play Date 10-11.30am

August 7

Holiday Club (pre booked tickets only)

August 9

Summer Play Date 10-11.30am

August 13

Summer Play Date 10-11.30am

August 14

Holiday Club (pre booked tickets only)

August 28

Holiday Club (pre booked tickets only)

August 30

Summer Play Date 10-11.30am

September 20

Charity Sports Night – RWB Rugby Club

September 28

Charity Clubbathon – Hardenhuish School

October 12

Sing for Springboard (see fundraising news)



Staff Development

Most of the staff have recently completed Foundation Level Makaton training. This works towards promoting the communication skills of all children attending any sessions at Springboard.

Sarah Edes has also completed the Attention Autism practitioner training. This is another strategy embedded within all sessions to increase the learning of all children. Speech, language and communication skills are key to all children's progress.

Fundraising news

As we go into the summer break, things are hotting up on the Fundraising and branding for Springboard. We have lots of exciting events coming up.

Colerne RFC are holding an over 45's Bath V Bristol game on 1 September at Colerne in aid of both Springboard and Parkinson's. We will have a stall there so please come along and say hello!

The Sporting Question and Answer event at Royal Wootton Bassett RFC on 20th September is an opportunity to ask all your burning questions to our sporting panel that have been there and done that! The £45 entry fee includes a curry!

Carl and Darren are raising money for Springboard by doing the 'Ring O Fire' at the end of August, this is a coastal ultra-marathon which takes runners on an extraordinary 135 mile journey around the Isle of Anglesey, North Wales.

Roz Chandler of GLOW has organised a Clubathon at Hardenhuish School, it will be an event that sees around 90 of us bopping around for some 3 hours for Springboard – phew!

All of these events will be on the website and Facebook.

On a slightly different note...we are producing a Christmas single! On Saturday 12th October we are holding a 'Sing for Springboard' day. Everyone is welcome, past and present, to come along to Springboard, in your Christmas Jumper (of course) and sing 'We all stand together' the frog chorus. We will have Christmas trees, and baubles, and of course....SNOW! We will be filming with static cameras, photographs and a drone so please be aware that this footage will be used far and wide.

Finally - we are re-branding! We have an amazing design team from Milk & Tweed in Chippenham who are re-branding us for free! So when you come back into Springboard be prepared for some fantastic changes!

Don't forget I am always on the phone: 07936362930 or email: fundraising@springboardchippenham.co.uk

Happy Summer everyone.

Helen Ashton x
Community Fundraiser



Goodbye and Good Luck

As we say good bye to children and families, we also say goodbye to staff and volunteers. To Georgina who has volunteered with us for the past year in her quest to train as a speech and language therapist we thank her for her time given and good luck in pursuit of her career.

To Laura who has been with us for a couple of terms and is leaving to continue her career working with Virgin Care. We wish you well and know that the children and families will benefit greatly from your dedication to SEND

Workshops for Parents and Professionals

We are in the process of changing the way we organize the ticket sales for our workshops. More information will be released next term however please put the following workshop dates in your diary:

October 1

Pictures are Powerful 7-9pm

November 2

Makaton Level 1 9.30-3.30pm

November 23

Pictures are Powerful 9.30-11.30am

November 23

Makaton Taster Xmas Theme 12.30-2pm

