

MESSAGE FROM NIKKI BURROUGHS, EXECUTIVE HEAD



I can't believe how quickly the first half term of the new school year has flown by!

As I reflect on this first half term of this academic year, I am reminded of the following Quote:



Across the sites this term, there have been a wide range of exciting, challenging learning opportunities being delivered, including fundraising activities as part of Duke of Edinburgh, junk modelling, sensory session sessions, green screen moon landings and rocket launches, lessons on teeth and some wonderful work on the Stone Age to name but a few! I hope you have had chance to see some of them on Evidence for Learning.

The financial and political uncertainty is pervading every aspect of our lives currently and it is no different for us in schools. Yet as always, our staff continue to smile and deliver the best education they can. As I write this, I am sat in my office listening to some of the students at Bidwell Brook enjoying a visiting musician. Laughter and clapping abound.

A perfect way to end this half term.

SHORT OF TIME?

Communication Workshop in School - Happening on Friday 4 November at 10 am. Call 01392 463820 to book your place.

Lego Build & Talk - Great clip to watch on page 2 to help open up conversations with your child/young person.

Medical Consent Form - If you need it, a copy can be found on our website. Link on page 2.

Autism Training and Workshops for Parents & Carers - Enrol via the email mentioned on page 3.

Child Trust Fund - Have you got a teenager and can you claim the Child Trust Fund? Find out on page 4.

Makaton Signs and Videos - Latest signs on page 4.

What's been happening at ET - Includes a PSHE lesson, getting out and about, weighing cherries in Maths, cooking and carving pumpkins!

Password Protection - Handy hints on how to safely remember your multiple online passwords.

HAPPY HOLIDAY!
See you on Monday 31st
October 2022

DATES 2022

w/c 24th OctoberHalf term holiday

Friday 4th NovemberCommunications Workshop @ 10 am at ETS Hollow Lane

Wednesday 16th November.....Next ET PTFA meeting at 10.30 am



AUTISM TRAINING FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Devon's Communication & Interaction Team is running Parent Autism programmes and offering workshop opportunities over the next couple of months

The 'Autism & Us' programme and themed workshops delivered during the last academic year will once again be offered to parents and carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis. Access is available to families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis. Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting presenting needs, whilst also making valued contact with other families alongside links to wider supporting agencies and organisations. The full programme details and application process is below. Four weekly 'live online' sessions (approx 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

No.	Topic	Programme
1	Autism overview	Tues 15 Nov - 10 - 12
2	Communication	Tues 22 Nov - 10 - 12
3	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tues 29 Nov - 10 - 12
4	Sensory	Tues 6 Dec - 10 - 12

Please email educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk to secure your place on any of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes. The team will confirm your booking, and provide you with a direct link to the event. Each session will be delivered online via Microsoft Teams.

The topic based workshops shown to the right are also available for parents and carers of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Full details of the programme and workshops are on the Education and Families SEND Local Offer website: [Support from the Communication and Interaction Team - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

If you have further queries, please contact Paul Lamanna, the Professional Lead for the Communication & Interaction Team on 01392 287239.

Date	Time	Topic	Trainer
Tues 1 Nov	10 - 12	Autism – Communication (verbal – support strategies)	Laura O'Shea
Fri 4 Nov	10 - 12	Autism - Girls	Robert Good
Fri 18 Nov	10 - 12	Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Robert Good
Fri 25 Nov	10 - 12	Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Kevin Jones
Wed 7 Dec	10 - 12	Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Alison Cann
Thurs 8 Dec	10 - 12	Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Paul Lamanna
Tues 13 Dec	10 - 12	Autism – Communication (pre/non verbal – support strategies)	Laura Matthews

CHILD TRUST FUNDS

Teenagers could be missing out on a stash of cash

Tens of thousands of teenagers in the UK, who have not yet claimed their matured Child Trust Funds savings, could have thousands of pounds waiting for them, [according to HM Revenue and Customs \(HMRC\)](#).

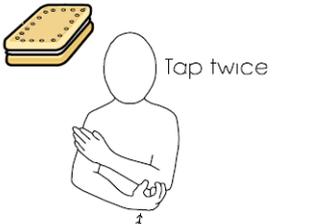
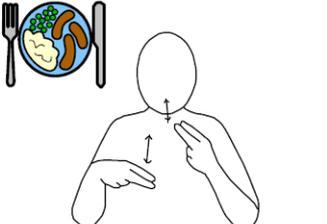
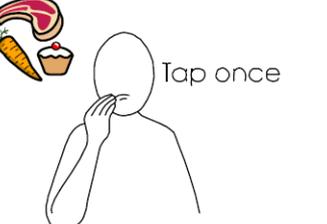
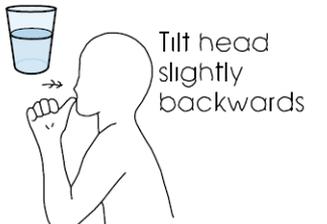
Child Trust Funds are long-term savings accounts set up for every child born between 1 September 2002 and 2 January 2011. To encourage future saving and start the account, the government provided an initial deposit of at least £250.

The savings accounts mature when the child turns 18 years old. Eligible teenagers, who are aged 18 years old or over and have yet to access their Child Trust Fund account, could have savings waiting for them worth an average of £2,100. Many eligible teenagers who have yet to claim their savings might be starting university, apprenticeships or their first job. The lump-sum amount could offer a financial boost at a time when they need it most.



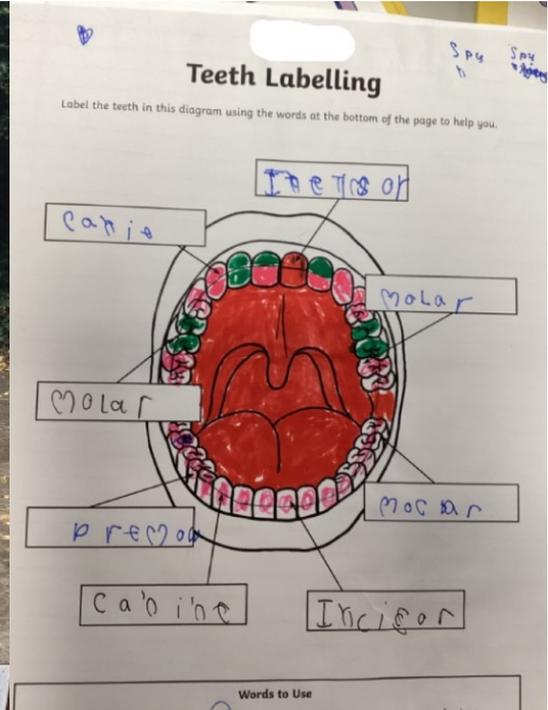
If teenagers or their parents and guardians already know who their Child Trust Fund provider is, they can contact them directly. This might be a bank, building society or other savings provider. Alternatively, they can visit GOV.UK and complete an online form to [find out where their Child Trust Fund is held](#).

LATEST MAKATON SIGNS & LINKS TO YOUTUBE VIDEOS

 <p>Tap twice</p> <p>biscuit</p>	 <p>dinner</p>	 <p>Tap once</p> <p>food</p>
 <p>Tilt head slightly backwards</p> <p>(drink of) water</p>	 <p>Palm outwards</p> <p>water</p>	

[Makaton for 'Biscuit' ? - YouTube](#) [Makaton for 'Dinner' - YouTube](#) [Makaton for 'food' - YouTube](#)

[Makaton Sign of the Week - A Drink of Water - YouTube](#) [Makaton for 'Water' ? - YouTube](#)





FAMILY NEWSLETTER

21st October 2022



E-SAFETY = PASSWORDS



CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

One thing that people dislike is being told to use a different password for each site they have an account on. “How are we meant to remember so many passwords?” they ask. And they have a point: it is strongly recommended we have a different and complicated password for each site: how do we keep track?

The answer? You get your web browser, or a password manager, to keep track of them for you.

Now this *doesn't* mean a notebook in a drawer or a sticky note on the screen that anyone can see. All modern web browsers (Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, Opera, Firefox, Safari etc.) all contain features that prompt you when you create/update a password to save that password to your browser.

It's ok to say “yes” to this, especially if it's your own personal device or your own login on a computer. There are a whole host of other security benefits in modern browsers as well!

For more information, check out: [Password managers: using browsers and apps to safely store... - NCSC.GOV.UK](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/password-managers)

Note: The only time that you *shouldn't* save passwords to a browser or manager is if you are on a device that you share with other people that only has one account or no account at all – for instance, a family iPad, a computer in a library (where the same account is used regardless of how many different people access the system) or your mobile phone that you let your kids access for games, YouTube etc. If accounts are saved on devices like this, then any user will be able to access them even if they are not you.





Business Stalls From **£25**
£15 Pre-loved Stalls



When & Where?
Sunday 13th November 2022
10.00am -12.00pm
The Beacon Community Centre
Pendragon House
Beacon Lane
Exeter
EX4 8 LZ

Entry £1
Kids FREE



NEARLY NEW SALE!

Love buying new things for your little ones?
 Hate expensive high street prices?
 If so join us at our **Exeter** market where you
 will see LOTS of great brands at bargain
 prices all under one roof!

Future Market Date
Sunday 13th November 2022
10am - 12pm@
The Beacon Community Centre

Contact us to book a stall..
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m: 07388 520 314

www.babyandchildrensmarket.co.uk
https://www.instagram.com/babyandchildrensmarket_devon/
<https://www.facebook.com/BabyandChildrensMarketDevon/>

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the "just one more game" mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder: a recognised mental health issue.

GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dexerto and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time fan of the FIFA franchise, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar, among others.

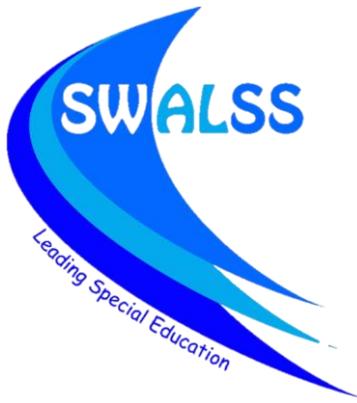


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Sources: <https://www.windowcentral.com/youngster-spends-over-8000-fifa-xbox-highlighting-predatory-game-design-1> <https://www.who.int/news-room/questions-and-answers/item/addictive-behaviours-gaming-disorder> <https://www.eurogamer.net/18-european-countries-call-for-better-regulation-of-loot-boxes-following-new-report>



South and West Association of Leaders in Special Schools (SWALSS)

Wednesday 19th October 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer,

My name is Eve Devlin, and I am a teacher at Heronsbridge School. I am currently undertaking research into how schools can support PMLD learners with mental health needs. This research is supported and funded by The South West Association of Leaders in Special Schools (SWALSS).

I would appreciate you taking the time to fill out this questionnaire which will take less than five minutes to complete. This is to gather parent and carer views on how schools can support learners with profound and multiple learning needs with a probable or recognised mental health need. I am also looking for parents and carers willing to participate in an interview. This could take place either over Microsoft Teams or a phone call would remain anonymous within the research. Please email eve.devlin@heronsbridge.bridgend.cymru if you are willing to participate in an interview.

Please scan the QR code below or click the link below to take you straight to the questionnaire.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k0cU7VThdVVKgS_Rbo7ZpLFUMlpZQ1ZXVTdHQ1hHRTU4VEFOQkwyTk5NQi4u

Yours Sincerely,

Eve Devlin

Middle Manager Secondary Department

Heronsbridge Special School



SIGNPOSTplus Information Snippets

Southern Devon and Surrounding Area

20th October 2022



Signpost Plus

The weekly snippets we provide are available to everyone and anyone who would find the information we produce of use to them or someone they care for. If you would like to sign up for southern snippets send your email address to kris.dent@nhs.net and for northern snippets send your email to amandasmithson@nhs.net To view archive Snippets, go to the Children and Family Health Devon Signpost Plus webpage. On offer are a variety of additional information sheets, hints and tips. For more details go to: <https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/signpostplus/>



Short Breaks Referrals



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Thinking about making a referral for Short Breaks? Please contact Pre-referral and Assessment Consultation (PAC) Line on [01392 385276](tel:01392385276) and select **option 1**.

We support parents, carers and any professional involved with the family as well as the disabled young person themselves (providing are over 16 years of age). You can ask for a pre-referral and assessment conversation, discuss the outcome of an assessment, talk with us about options and what is accessible in your community

FRIENDS & FAMILIES

Friends and Families

Would you like to learn how to support your child to communicate using signs and symbols? Join Friends and Families workshop - Makaton at Level One.

Delivered by Makaton Tutors on Friday 4th November from 09:30 – 14:30.

At Virginia House, PL4 0DQ

cost: £25.00

booking page: <https://bit.ly/3yyw59b>

It is strongly recommended that you also book onto the level 2 course as this will enhance your learning and experience and help you get the most out of these sessions. You can book here:

<https://bit.ly/3Ez7u0K>

Dyno Climbing Centre

October Half Term Fun sessions
Tuesday - Friday
1.30-3pm
For ages 5+
Limited spaces available
Booking is a must!
£12 per child.

Call: 01364 644975
Email: info@dynoclimbingcentre.co.uk

Half term Kids offer
This half term Kids general climbing, Smoothie and Snack just £11
General climbing is parent supervised, the cost is for entry to the climbing centre, with no time limits.
No need to book, just come along during our opening hours to take us up on this offer.
For dates between Saturday the 22nd and Monday the 30th of October, Snack offer will be a Nak'd bar or bag of crisps.

THE DYNOClimbing CENTRE DEVON. UK

From Tuesday to Friday, you can book your little climbers in to one of the instructors led fun sessions, 1.5 hours of climbing fun, including bouldering room and top ropes for only £12 per climber.

Or bring them along when suits you throughout the week and take up the half term offer, General climbing, Smoothie and a snack or £11 General climbing is parent supervised and has no time limit, no need to book, just turn up and climb. Dyno Climbing Centre, Dart Mills, Old Totnes Road, Buckfastleigh, United Kingdom
Phone: 01364 644975 or email: info@dynoclimbingcentre.co.uk

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WORD PLAY
FIND YOUR ADVENTURE

FREE CHILDREN'S LITERACY EVENT
HALF TERM HALLOWEEN SPECIAL!
10-3PM MON 24TH OCT

WORKSHOPS
ACTIVITIES
STORYTELLING

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Entertainingly Different are delighted to announce the Word Play event which takes place on Monday 24th October between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

book your free tickets for this Spooktacular event today by clicking [Here](#)

This event is tonight from 7pm – 9pm

MONTHLY PEER SUPPORT HUB

Join Parental Minds for advice and support. Sharing knowledge and insights. Answering your questions. Helping to make informed choices about your loved one.

8th September 2022
20th October 2022
10th November 2022
8th December 2022

19.00-21.00
Zest Cafe, Honiton

PARENT+ SUPPORT HUB

PARENTAL MINDS C.I.C.
Mental Healthcare | Exploring Pathways

FREE!

THE BUCKLAND CENTRE

Half Term
Lunch & Craft Club

Wednesday 26th October
1pm to 3pm
at The Buckland Centre

Join us for free craft activities and lunch. No need to book, just drop in!

Parents must stay with children and are also welcome to free lunch!

The Buckland Centre, Gilbert Road, Newton Abbot TQ12 4HS for more details email: info@bucklandcentre.org



Model Village Torbay are offering a special 30% discount off admission tickets for all Westcountry residents this winter (which includes Christmas).

Also, with your admission tickets, receive a 10% discount voucher for all purchases made in their coffee and gift shop. For more details go to:

<https://www.model-village.co.uk/winteroffer>



Disabled Children's Service
Contact details for the Consultation line.

Disabled Children's Service
We are here to help
Call us on 01392 385276

- Pre-referral and Assessment Consultation line - Option 1
- Short Break Helpline and Mailbox - Option 2

childsc.disabledchildrenshortbreakhelpline-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

How are we doing

Feedback on our –

- Staff
- Our service
- Or
- Providers and services

It only takes 7 minutes – Link below.

If you have Safeguarding concerns and are not supported by the team – please contact MASH directly on 0345 155 1071

If your query is urgent and out of hours - Please contact our Children Service Emergency Out of hours Duty: 0345 6000 388





CRANBROOK COMMUNITY SEND SUPPORT PROJECT

1st Fri of month -
St Martins Primary
3rd Fri of month -
Community Hub, Cranbrook
Education Campus

Pop in and find out what SEND support is in Cranbrook and stay (or not) for a cuppa.

All family members and children welcome. No diagnosis necessary.

Cranbrook Community Support Project for families with additional needs children aim to provide a support group in a safe place where parents can meet other parents, share their experiences, and talk with others in a similar situation.

Together we can support each other, offer emotional support, and learn strategies to help with the challenges faced in everyday life.

We want you to feel valued and included in the lovely Community of Cranbrook and surrounding villages.

- Regular Cafe Style Meetings
- Meet Like Minded People
- Friendship, Emotional & Peer Support
- Information, Resources and Advice
- Activities and Social Events
- Guest Speakers to Educate and Inform
- Receive Signposting to Local, National Services, Organisations and Groups
- Participate in Shaping Local Services

Sam Wells Ambassador Volunteer / Nurse Naomi Cranbrook Medical Practice

@ cranbrooksendproject@btinternet.com

f Cranbrook Community Support Project

WhatsApp Cranbrook Community SEND 07359 067788

Arrange a call back by leaving a message with 01392 462013





Asperations

CHARITY BINGO NIGHT

Friday 11th November

6.30 pm at Forde Hall Social Club

**Books £10
Pens 50p**

All funds raised will go to support Asperations Group.
Registered charity number: 1132344.

Lots of amazing prizes to be won!

Eyes down looking for the full house at 7pm.

All ages welcome although children must be accompanied by an adult.

Fully licensed bar available!

Friday 11th November 2022. From 6.30pm at Forde Hall Social Club, Newton Abbot. Help to raise funds for Asperations and allow them to continue to offer their fantastic club to families who have children with or without a diagnosis of Autism.

The group runs every Tuesday from 4.30pm - 6.45pm at Kingsteignton Youth Centre Broadway Road, Kingsteignton TQ12 3EH For more details about the club go to: <https://asperations.co.uk/>

Half term – Kids eat free or for £1

Eat DRINK AND Be SCARY PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2022
COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

<p>ASDA CAFE Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend until the end of 2022</p> <p>TOBY CARVERY The Kids Eat For £1 offer will be available from October 24th to 28th with the App</p> <p>FRANKIE & BENNY'S Adults Eat Free with every under 11 child throughout all the UK Half terms</p> <p>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p>WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased</p> <p>FUTURE INNS Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays</p> <p>TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>THE REAL GREEK Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult</p> <p>SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.</p> <p>BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p>	<p>TESCO CAFES Kids Eat Free with any purchase of fresh fruit by an adult throughout all the UK Half Terms</p> <p>MORRISONS Spend £4.99 after 3pm daily & get one free kids meal (usually all day during half term)</p> <p>HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat breakfast free with every adult breakfast, daily from 9am - 12pm.</p> <p>PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto during Half Terms</p> <p>FARMHOUSE INNS Kids eat for £1 when you sign up to their email list before October 26th 2022</p> <p>YO! SUSHI Kid's eat free all day, Monday to Thursday until 29th October 2022</p> <p>SA BRAINS PUBS Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Only valid Wednesdays but on all day</p> <p>IKEA From October 11th kids get a meal for 95p or £1.50 from 11am - All day, every day.</p> <p>ANGUS STEAKHOUSE One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays</p> <p>BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Monday to Thursday</p>
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Contact - For families with disabled children

Halloween SEND hack:

indoor trick-or-treating

For a calmer and more familiar trick-or-treat experience, family members can get dressed up and hide in different rooms. This way, your child will still have plenty of doors to knock on for candy!



Here's a genius tip for parent carers of disabled children who find trick-or-treating too overwhelming: bring your Halloween indoors! Your family members can get dressed up and hide in different rooms — this way, your child will have plenty of doors to knock on for treats. And for a fun sensory-friendly costume that they can still use after Halloween, you could turn a body sock into a spooky devil or dragon. bit.ly/Body-Socks

Top tips for a happy Halloween
Like it or loathe it, you just can't ignore it.
What are we talking about? Halloween of course.
With aisles of orange and witches in windows the
UK is fast catching up with our American
counterparts who love to trick or treat on October
31st.

But for those of us who are autistic, Halloween
can be a sensory feast for some or a night of
terror for others.

To find out the five top tips for a [Happy Halloween](#)
Click on the blue link



Devon Education Services
Parent Autism Workshop
Opportunities - Autumn Term 2022

The following topic-based workshops
are available for parents/carers of children and
young people who are currently on the autism
assessment pathway, in addition to families of
children and young people who have received an
autism diagnosis.

Topic based workshops:

- Tuesday 1st November from 10am -12pm
Communication (verbal – support strategies)
- Friday 4th November from 10am -12pm
Autism and Girls
- Friday 18th November from 10am - 12pm
Demand avoidance + PDA
- Friday 25th November from 10am -12pm
Sensory processing + integration
- Wednesday 7th December from 10am -12pm
Managing stress + anxiety
- Friday 9th December from 10am -12pm
Vulnerability + online safety
- Tuesday 13th December from 10am - 12pm
Communication - pre/non-verbal – support strategies

Apply direct by email to:

educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk

Devon Education Services will confirm your
booking request and provide you with a direct link
to the event. They will be delivered on line 'live'
via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

**Children and Family Health Devon's
Speech and Language Therapy Service
Virtual drop in sessions
for parents and professionals**

What?
A virtual drop in for parents of *children 2 and a half and under*
and professionals who are concerned about their speech,
language and communication development.
This will be delivered via the 'attend anywhere' platform.
The Speech and Language Therapist will spend up to 10 minutes listening to
the parents'/professional's concerns, asking questions and observing how the
child and parent/s communicate and interact

**All families will be given advice and/or ideas to try
at home.**
For some children, it will be recommended that they are referred to the Speech
and Language Therapy service for a more detailed assessment.
Professionals with concerns about the SLC development of children up to the
age of 2 and a half should ensure that the child and family remain anonymous
when sharing their concerns via the drop in service

When?
Tuesdays 1-2.30 p.m.
6th Sept 2022, 4th October, 1st November, 29th November, 20th December
Thursdays 9.30- 11.30 a.m.
22nd Sept, 20th October, 17th November, 8th December

How?
1. Log onto <https://nhs.vc/tsdft-cfhd-pre-school-drop-in>
2. Sign in
3. The Therapist will see that you are in the waiting area and will join the video
room when they are ready

The forth coming dates are:

- Tuesday 1st November from 1pm – 2.30pm
- Tuesday 29th November from 1pm - 2.30pm
- Tuesday 20th December from 1pm – 2.30pm
- Thursday 17th November from 9.30am – 11.30am
- Thursday 8th December from 9.30am – 11.30am

To join the virtual drop in log into

<https://nhs.vc/tsdft-cfhd-pre-school-drop-in>



I CAN - Free webinars for parents.
Is your child aged 18 months - 2.5
years?

Are you concerned about their language
development?

Join one of the free TALK parent webinars for
approaches you can put into practice with your
child at home.

- 1st November - Supporting language
development during everyday routines.
- 15th November - Sharing Books to
Develop Language.
- 29th November - Using songs and rhymes
to develop language.

All webinars last for 40 minutes and are free to
attend. Book your place today:

<https://bit.ly/3nLPI8c>



Neurodive Events & Webinars:

Autistic, ADHD or both? ft Dr Silvia Panella

A webinar exploring the similarities and differences both diagnostically and experience based.

Wednesday 26th October, 7pm – 9.30pm.

Tickets £11.37. Click [Here](#) to book your place

Supporting technology use for Neurodivergent children Webinar

A webinar focused on supporting Neurodivergent children and young people with both the challenges and opportunities of using technology.

Wednesday 9th November, 7pm – 9.30pm.

Tickets £10.30. Click [Here](#) to book a place

Supporting Autistic people and their families for professionals LIVE

A live event for any support staff, practitioners, sencos or any professional supporting an Autistic person and their family.

Being held at the Pinhoe Jubilee Club.

Wednesday 23rd November 2022, 9am – 4.30pm.

Tickets £54.49. Click [Here](#) to book a place.



Space Youth Services

Stepping Stones - a 12-week support programme, designed to build on confidence, social skills,

health and well-being and connect young people. Set in a small group setting, the programme is jam packed with lots of opportunities to help gain the tools to build on those challenges young people may be facing.

To find out more go to:

www.spaceyouthservices.org

or for a referral form email: Sophie Stevens:

sophie.stevens@spacepsm.org



Challenging Behaviour Foundation - Listening Ear

As a family carer, facing constant challenges can leave you feeling tired, frustrated, and helpless.

The Challenging Behaviour

Foundation have a Listening Ear service, where you can arrange a friendly chat with one of their trained family carers, to speak with someone who truly understands.

Click the link to go to Eventbrite and book a time and date to suit you: <https://lght.ly/nlchnng6>

Alternatively, you can book a call by contacting CBF on: 0300 666 0126 or

email: support@theCBF.org.uk



Calvert Trust – Own a Pony for the Day:

'Own a Pony for the Day' is coming back by popular demand.

Here are 2 dates for your diary:

22nd October

26th November



Sessions are now either full day (£80 per child) or half day (£40 per child).

Find further details and booking information here:

<https://calvertexmoor.org.uk/events/ownapony/>



Useful Emergency Contact Numbers:

NHS Helpline: **111** Use **999** if a medical emergency.

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub, if you are concerned about your own safety or that of a child or young person: **0345 155 1071**

National Domestic Abuse Helpline (Devon): **0808 2000 247** (24 hours) Use **999** if you are in immediate danger.

YoungMinds Crisis Messenger, for free 24/7 support across the UK if you are a young person experiencing a mental health crisis. If you need urgent help **text YM to 85258**

Samaritans (24 hours): **116 123**

Citizens Advice Bureau National Helpline: **03444 111 444**



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