



Short Breaks Service



For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 26th June 2023

This newsletter contains events and updates from various services around Halton, as well as other general information which you may find useful. You can find out more information on the [Halton Local Offer page online](#) or contact the [Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities](#) team too.

Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 29 **PARENT DROP IN SESSION - 9.30AM - 11.30AM**
Oakfield Community Primary School, Edinburgh Road, Widnes, WA8 8BQ
HSPCF WHINE & WINE Q&A ZOOM
Team Q&A for parents who work and cant come coffee mornings.
Join Zoom Meeting.

JUNE 30 **HUMMINGBIRDS - 17.00PM - 19.00PM - FULL**
Hummingbirds Art Studio, 12 Mainstreet, Halton. Runcorn WA7 2AN.

www.haltionsendcarersforum.org.uk E: info@haltionsendpcf.org.uk

Halton SEND Parent Carers Forum's activities continue during June, including their next parent drop-in session on Thursday 29th June between 9.30am-11.30am at Oakfield Community Primary School Widnes, and their Whine and Wine Q&A Zoom session for parents unable to attend coffee mornings on Thursday 29th June.

Visit [their Facebook page](#) or website: haltionsendcarersforum.org.uk to find out more. If you are not a member of the forum you can contact the team by emailing admin@HaltonSendPCF.org.uk or Kelly.Dace@Haltonsendpcf.org.uk.

Plus a reminder that they have released dates for their popular Family Craft and Pizza nights – see the dates below and email Claire.collins@haltionsendpcf.org.uk to secure your places!



HALTON SEND PARENT CARERS FORUM



FREE FAMILY CRAFT & PIZZA NIGHT



Friday 14th July 2023 – 5PM TO 7PM – Spaces

Friday 22nd Sept 2023 – 5PM TO 7PM – Spaces

Friday 20th Oct 2023 – 5PM TO 7PM – Spaces

Friday 24th Nov 2023 – 5PM TO 7PM – Spaces

At Hummingbird Art Studio

Village Hall, 12 Main Street, Halton Village WA7 2AN.

To Join us on the night:

Email: Clare.Collins@haltonsendpcf.org.uk and book your place.

Parents, Carers, Children and Young People, all members are welcome, but you need to book your place by email.



Halton Send Parent Carers Forum

Contact: 07784240161

www.Haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk

Email: info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk

Daresbury Laboratory Open Day is nearly here



Daresbury Laboratory Open Day

The Daresbury Open Day is back on Saturday 15th July 2023! The Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) and the Sci-Tech Daresbury campus are throwing open their doors for a free day of fun for all ages.

Don't forget, Daresbury Laboratory and Sci-Tech Daresbury are holding their open day on **Saturday 15th July between 10am and 4pm.**

This will be a rare chance to step inside one of only three national laboratories to find out more about the world-class science and research happening at the campus, and across the UK. Most areas of the campus are accessible and there will be designated safe areas and quiet spaces to enable those who need to, to self-regulate. [Click here for more information on the event.](#)

Although the event is free advance booking is strongly recommended – [click here to book your tickets.](#) If you need any support booking tickets then please email the Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities team at [AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk.](mailto:AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk)

SEND sessions at the Ice Cream Farm



The next SEND session at the Ice Cream Farm in Tattenhall near Chester is on Saturday 1st July from 9am-11.30am.

They offer a relaxed and inclusive environment with entry just £2.50.

Find out more on [their Facebook page here](#), or [click this link to book your place](#).

It's a great place to visit and now holds the Guinness World Record for the largest ice cream shop in the world and biggest sand and water play area in Europe!

Summer fun at Deafness Resource Centre

Summer Fun Timetable 2023



For further information and to book places
places contact:



Email: ICAN@deafnessresourcecentre.org

Text: 07541 995844

Tel or text: 01744 23887



Email: mcaim@msdp.org.uk

Text Mandy: 07561 700475



Visit: www.deafactive.org/school-holidays

Email: admin@deafactive.net

Text: 07858 686079

Keep a look out in the next few weeks for the Deafness Resource Centre's Summer Fun timetable. They have teamed up with [Deaf Active](#) and [Merseyside Society for Deaf People](#) to create a easy to read timetable with all their fun summer activities on – [check out their BSL video here!](#)

**Giant Snakes & Ladders and Hopscotch at
Halton Lea!**



Are you looking for another way to spend some fun free time with your little ones in Halton Lea? Then try out the great new giant Snakes & Ladders and Hopscotch Runcorn Shopping City have installed in the Community Square, and it's open all day and it's free all summer!

**Listening Ear service through Contact for
families with disabled children**

contact *For families
with disabled children*

If you need to talk to someone who understands the extra challenges you face as a parent or carer of a child with additional needs and who can point you in the right direction to get the support you need for your family.

Contact for families with disabled children offer 1-1 telephone appointments with a family support adviser for parent carers looking for a listening ear, reassurance and practical and emotional support.

Making an appointment is simple, choose the day (morning, afternoon or evening), and when you register choose the time slot you want. Appointments are regularly updated and are subject to availability. Visit [their website here for more information](#) and to book an appointment.

Sense's Virtual Buddying Service



Sense offer a free virtual buddying service for disabled people of any age in the UK.

Chat online or on the phone with your buddy once a week and together, you can learn a new skill, build your confidence, do your favourite activities – or simply have a chat and a laugh together!

Not a fan of chatting on the phone? They also offer the option of connecting you with with a pen pal, so that you can exchange emails, texts or letters.

[Find out more information and register online by clicking here](#) .

Introduction to SEND law with IPSEA



Independent Provider of Special Education Advice (IPSEA) have a few places left on their 'Introduction to SEND Law' training day run virtually on Zoom on Tuesday 4th July.

The training is delivered by a member of their legal team, and aims to equip parents and carers with the knowledge to navigate the SEND legal system.

Places are £65 but they have funding available for parents and carers who are unable to access a full cost place. [For more information and to book a space click here](#).

[Their website here](#) also has lots of useful resources, information and training to help parents, carers and professionals support children and young people with SEND.

All in Play's Summer Fair and Family Fun Day



Summer fair!

All in Play

A DAY OF INCLUSIVE FAMILY FUN!
FREE ENTRY ALL DAY.

We will be taking donations throughout the day for our chosen charities, lookout for our collection buckets.

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**SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST | U LOCK  
IT STADIUM | 11.00AM TILL LATE**

**ENTERTAINMENT THROUGH OUT THE  
DAY INSIDE AND OUTSIDE!**

**CRAFT STALLS, FACE PAINTING,  
BOUNCY CASTLES AND MORE !**



All in Play's Summer Fair is on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August from 11am** at Witton Albion FC's stadium in Northwich. This will be an inclusive family funday with something for everyone with all activities are open to all ages, groups and abilities.

There will be lots of free activities and some taking a small donation, including face painting, bouncy castles, food and beverages, ice creams, shopping stalls, and timetabled activities throughout the day!

## Accessible holiday cottages



Brickhouse Farm cottages in Hambleton near Blackpool offers self-catering accommodation that specialises in offering holidays and short breaks that are fully accessible for children with disabilities. They have a hydrotherapy pool, interactive sensory room and accessible on-site bistro where they work hard to accommodate any request to ensure a comfortable stay! Find out more on [the website here](#) or [check out their Facebook page](#).

## MAX cards



As summer holidays start to approach don't forget that Max Cards are available for our families in Halton.

The card is designed to help families save money on great days out at castles, zoos, bowling alleys and more.

You can visit the [MAX Card website](#) for further details or check out [the Local Offer](#). Cards cost £2.50 and can be collected from Warrington Road Children's Centre in Widnes, or Glendale Family Centre in Runcorn (available Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm – please note, it is cash payments only).

You can email [AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk](mailto:AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk) or call 0151 511 6560 for more details

This newsletter provides general information and resources for parents and carers of young people with SEND, and for professionals who support them. Please note, while we take every care to ensure the information we share is accurate the information provided is not a direct recommendation from the Short Breaks Service and we recommend that you complete your own research about the information and events we signpost.



We recognise that not all of the information in this newsletter will be relevant to everyone included on the mailing list. If there is some specific information you would like to see more of, or information from a certain service that you'd like to share please let me know and I will try to include next time. If you do not wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please let me know.

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