

PAC news March 2014



Coffee mornings

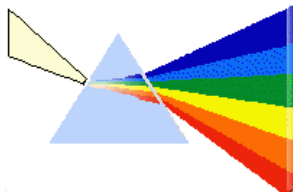
An opportunity to meet with other parent carers, share your stories and relax.

On Wednesday 26 March 2014 between 10.30am and 12 noon at Hop Skip and Jump parents and carers room (upstairs).

Come join us for a cuppa, cake and a chat.

Can't make this one – join us: 30 April, 21 May, 25 June, 16 July

DASH



ASD training

When 3 April 2014

Time 9.30 to 12.00

Where Pinetrees Community Centre
The Circle Pinehurst SN2 1RF

An opportunity to see the training course teaching staff are offered and learn the types of strategies they can use to support children with ASD.

This free training is accessed over the internet – to book your space contact info@dashswindon.com 0755466577

See attached for more information



Aiming High Newsletter April 2014

Find out what's on where – Easter holiday activities pages 4 & 5

See attachment for more information



London Zoo : 17 May - 18 May 2014

Special Children's Day is a unique annual event at [ZSL London Zoo](http://www.zsl-londonzoo.com) welcoming children with special needs and their families and friends. With increased specialist facilities and number of staff, as well as special 'interactive events' and discounted entry, Special Children's Day is an exciting and exceptional event not to be missed.

Whipsnade Zoo : 7 Jun 2014 10:00 - 17:30

Special Children's Day will be running this year for the first time at [ZSL Whipsnade Zoo](http://www.whipsnadezoo.com) - welcoming children with special needs and their families and friends.

Tickets are limited so you need to book them in advance for each zoo.



Working families

Juggling work and a home life can often be tricky – take a look at [working families](#) website, it might be useful to you to help you improve your work-life balance.



Children's and Families Bill

The Queen says Yes! – royal assent has been granted so the Bill has been passed. Check this website for more information/details <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/landmark-children-and-families-act-2014-gains-royal-assent>

See the attached Swindon Borough Council's SEND newsletter to find out how Swindon are progressing with their SEN plans to make sure they're making the right changes to fit in with Children's and Family Bill.



Autism Awareness Workshop

Being hosted by members of Click 4 Action eRotary working in partnership with Uplands Educational Trust on:
Saturday 29 March 2014 9.30am - 3.30pm at Uplands School

Day will include workshops on the autism spectrum, sensory aspects and working with autism as a parent. Pack lunches available to buy on day proceeds to Uplands School.

To book your space please complete the reply form on the attached flyer or email your details to info@1100rotaryclub.org



New diagnosis – new guide available

Finding out your child has additional needs can bring about a whole mix of emotions. Whatever stage you're at on your journey with your child, Contact A Family's [new guide](#) will give you a basic introduction to a variety of subjects and services that you may need to know about.

Check out their [website](#) for more information you might also find useful.

Bournstream



Bournstream

Bournstream is a unique outdoor adventure playsite on the Cotswold edge, set in a hidden valley bordered by fields and woodland.

This playsite is solely for the use of disabled children and families, friends, carers, support groups and special schools and is not open to the general public. You can enjoy an environment that is safe and secure, in a wonderful setting, so much space and with loads to play on without fear of upsetting others or your child's behaviour being misunderstood.

To use this site you need to join for a one off £10 payment. If you wish to join please ring Jinny Rawlings on 018531 820693 and leave her your full name, address and telephone number.

For more information check their [website](#) or email info@bournstream.org.uk.

If you want to find out more about the Parents and Carers Group (PAC), what we do, things you'd like to find out about – let me know email me at lisa.barrett@swindoncarers.org.uk or call me on 01793 531133



