

Surrey Short Breaks for Disabled Children



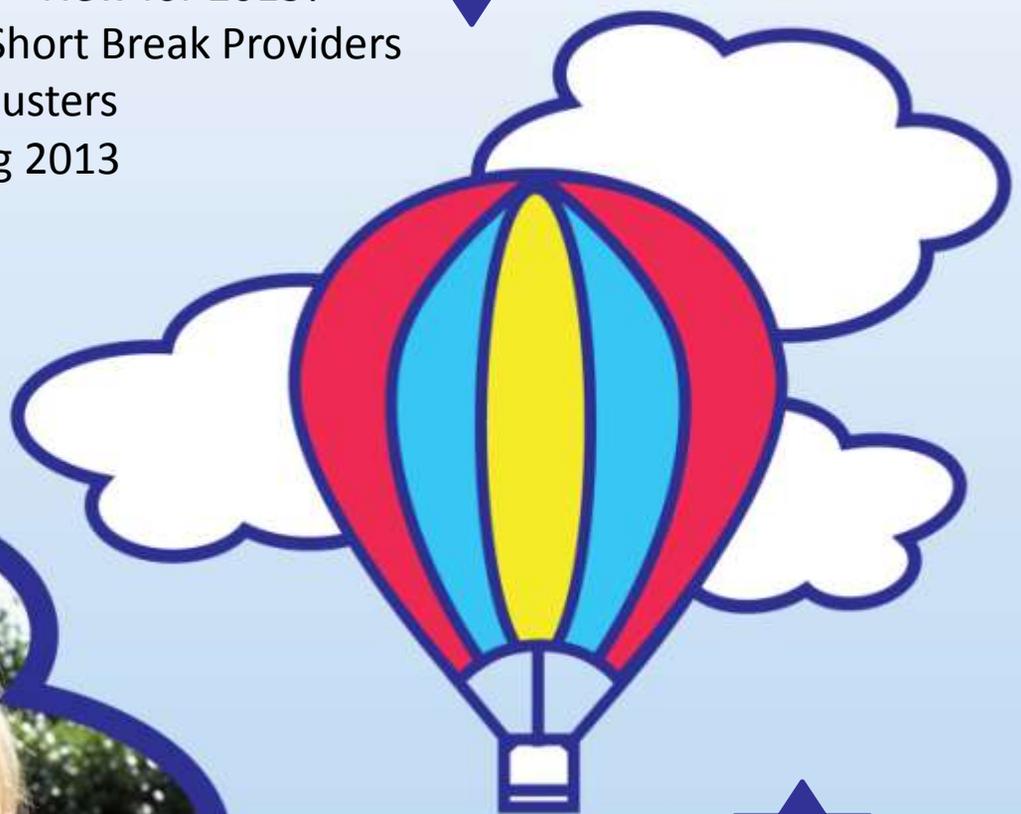
Spring Newsletter 2013



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Hello from the Short Breaks Team!



Welcome to the Spring 2013 Edition of the Surrey Short Breaks Newsletter!

During 2012 the Surrey Short Breaks Team was busier than ever; monitoring, supporting and developing services for disabled children and young people across Surrey.

The team has also been out and about in the community, working alongside the Voluntary, Community and Faith sector, consulting with parents, carers, children and young people. And not forgetting, running two fabulous family fun days!

We have also been particularly busy developing ways of letting families know about the short breaks opportunities in Surrey, including the development of our Short Breaks leaflet, e-bulletin and facebook page, and the improvement of our Short Breaks Statement, newsletter and website. Look out for further developments in 2013!

Your feedback counts!

The deadline for the survey about short breaks in Surrey has been extended to Wednesday 20th February 2013. If you are on the Disability Register you should have received the 2012/13 survey in the post along with a pre-paid envelope. Please take ten minutes to complete it, this is an opportunity to tell us what short breaks your family wants and needs!

If you cannot find your paper copy, you can complete the survey online at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/PZDB9KP or visit the Surrey County Council website and search for 'short breaks survey'.

Contact us!

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Direct Payments Update

Many families in Surrey who are eligible to receive support from Surrey Children's Services are choosing to use Direct Payments. Using Direct Payments can seem a bit daunting at first, but there is lots of help available.

There is now a new, easier return form and two new leaflets explaining Direct Payments available at www.surreycc.gov.uk. Payment schedules are issued to all Direct Payment recipients in the Spring. If you don't receive one, don't hesitate to ask the Children's Direct Payment Support and Monitoring team for a duplicate copy.

Contact the ChildDPS team:

Tel: 01372 833679

Email: childdps@surreycc.gov.uk

For advice and practical support in managing Direct Payments, including support with paperwork, contact SILC on 01483 458111.



NEW Monthly Merlin Pass Lottery!

The FREE Annual Merlin Pass is back! – and it's better than ever!

Many families are enjoying their free Merlin Passes distributed by our free prize draw last year. The good news is – we are now launching a new and free monthly lottery!

To apply, simply fill in the application form at the end of this newsletter and either post or email it to the Short Breaks team. You will need to remember to include a photocopy or scanned proof of disability (as outlined below) and say which attraction you'd like to collect the pass from.

You will then be entered into the lottery. If your application is drawn, Merlin will send you a letter inviting you to collect your free pass. The next time you and your child visit the attraction nominated on the form, take the letter, along with proof of disability with you, and the staff at the attraction will take your child's photo and issue the annual pass and complimentary carer's pass. An application pack including frequently asked questions can be downloaded from the Short Breaks website or if you phone or email the Short Breaks team, we can email or post you a copy.



To qualify, you and your child must live within Surrey and your child must be aged 0-18 years. You will also need proof of disability (one of the following):

- Disabled Living Allowance (DLA) letter
- Blue Badge (photo id required)
- Signed letter from GP (photo id required)

Feedback from our 2012 Free Prize Draw!

"We were fortunate enough to have our names drawn last year and it has been a wonderful bonus for our son, Charlie. This is such a wonderful scheme for children such as our son, where due to circumstances which are sometimes out of our control, the monies we spend on accessing vital support groups, specialised clubs etc, often mean there is not enough money left over for treats that something like the Merlin Pass allows us as a family to give our son.

Our son has enjoyed a fantastic summer of roller coasters and other exciting rides, something which we never thought he would be able to cope with. It has been such a bonus for us to be in receipt of the annual pass and we will definitely be applying again in 2013 as our son has plans for some of the more adventurous rides at Alton Towers! Thank you for running such a great scheme, and we hope that we will be successful again next year."





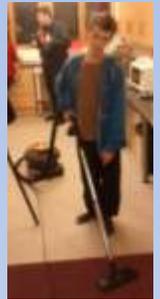
Barnardo's Moving Forward Update

Independent Living Course

In October half term 2012, 8 young people attended the new Barnardo's Independent Living Course. The course involved a theory day followed by a 2 night residential putting their newly learnt skills into action. Those attending worked toward individual outcomes and an AQA qualification in Independent Living.



Activities included; cooking, washing, shopping and other skills, money management, working as a team for those looking at supported living and much more.



Due to the success of the course, there will be two more courses running on the following dates:

Friday 22nd-Sunday 24th February at High Ashurst

Friday 8th March-Sunday 10th March at High Ashurst

The theory day for both courses will be Monday 18th February at Bookham Youth Centre.

SocialiZe

'SocialiZe' is a support group helping disabled young people move forward with their social skills.

These groups will run on a Thursday evening at Bookham Youth Centre from 5.30pm-8.30pm.

Young people learn about:

- Starting a conversation
- Talking about interests
- Eye Contact, Personal space and more

R U Safe?

The 'R U Safe' workshops take place on Thursday evenings at Bookham Youth Centre.

Young people learn about a variety of safety issues including:

- Household Safety
- Road Safety
- Online/Internet Safety
- Stranger Safety
- Safety in Relationships



For more information about the programs above or to get involved with the Moving Forward Project please call the office on **01372 844 773** and speak to one of the team

Family Voice Surrey



Family Voice Surrey (FVS) is the parent-carer forum for Surrey, representing the voice of local families with children with SEN and disabilities.

Some of you may already know that Surrey is one of many local authorities chosen to trial the proposals for the government's planned SEN reforms. Over the past year, FVS has been very much involved in the Surrey pathfinders, making sure that the voice of the parent is heard. This has included working alongside Surrey Education's SEN, social care and health professionals and representatives from local voluntary and community services (VCS) to discuss the proposals and work out systems to test how well the reforms will work in practice. Families who have children with SEN and disabilities are also being asked to take part which means that we, and those families taking part, will be able to see what does and doesn't work in the 'real world' and make improvements. FVS continues its participation in the above into 2013.

In November 2012, Family Voice co-produced a conference about the pathfinder, alongside Surrey LA and the local VCS. It was a great success with more than 100 parents attending. FVS is however keen to reach many more parents to ensure they have heard and can represent the views of as many families as possible.

Family Voice Surrey wants to hear from you!

FVS invites families to contact them to tell them about your lives, experiences, and how you feel they could be improved, such as your experiences in accessing the services you need. FVS can also visit your local coffee morning, family/community group etc to talk through what they do and hear your views. (They do not charge for this!)

For more information on any of the above;

Contact: tania.t@familyvoicesurrey.org

Visit the FVS website: www.familyvoicesurrey.org

'Like' the FVS Facebook page: www.facebook.com/familyvoicesurrey

Link Leisure update



2012 has been a very exciting year for Link Leisure.

With their new Woking centre being refurbished as we speak, the office team is in temporary accommodation and exciting plans are being made for the future. All their services are still running and they've even added more sessions to the timetable.

Children and young people at Link Leisure have had a fantastic year, from trips to Legoland and Marwell Zoo, to new services such as music therapy, to holding pantomimes and carol concerts. Not to mention the regular clubs and schemes!

For more information call **01483 770037** or email Joanna.tuck@linkleisure.org.uk



Short Break Myth Busters!

The Short Breaks team recognises that understanding how to access short breaks can be confusing. We hope that this page dispels some of the myths around Short Breaks and helps to make things a little clearer.

“Children have to meet the Social Care Eligibility Criteria in order to access Short Breaks”

Although there are some services that can only be accessed via social care teams, children do not have to meet the eligibility criteria for social care support in order to access all short break services. If your child has a disability, it is likely that they will be able to access many of the Surrey County Council funded short breaks.

For more information about how to access services take a look at the ‘Short Breaks Statement’ on our website.

“Play and Leisure schemes reserve places for Social Care teams”

Although historically a small number of places at play and leisure schemes were reserved for social care teams, this is no longer the case. The funding Surrey provides to organisations for play and leisure schemes now enables families to access these schemes and opportunities directly, without the need for social care assessment.

“I don’t get any help from Surrey County Council Children’s Services because my child isn’t open to a social care team/doesn’t have a Social Worker”

Surrey County Council aims to help families of disabled children that aren’t open to a social care team or don’t have a social worker by providing funding to a wide range of organisations. This support enables these organisations to provide a range of short break services that families can access directly at a reduced cost.

“Children have to be on the Children’s Disability Register to access Short Breaks”

Children do not have to be on the register in order to access short breaks. Registration is purely on a voluntary basis. However families are encouraged to join because the more that is known about children with disabilities in Surrey, the more effectively services can be planned. The register is already used to provide families with up to date information about short breaks in Surrey.

Don’t forget, that you can find out all about Short Breaks in Surrey in the Surrey Short Breaks Statement, available at www.surreycc.gov.uk/shortbreaks

Fun Fun Fun at the Family Fun Day!

Back in October 2012, Surrey Short Breaks held another fabulous Family Fun Day for disabled children and their families, this time at the lovely new YMCA Sovereign Centre in Reigate. With the Family Fun Day full to the brim with families and packed with fun activities, a great day was had by all!

Back by popular demand, our favourite magician BASH entertained us with his masterful magic tricks and silly jokes, whilst Dr Snug had us all laughing with her hilarious antics!

Also joining us again were the brilliant African Drummers Lucky Moyo and friends, who entertained us with their drumming and singing and treated us to two of their popular interactive drumming workshops!

In the mean time in the outdoor play area, everyone was having 'wheely' good fun with Wheels for All, who joined us again with their wonderful adapted bikes for all to try.

Families got creative with the magnificent Metal Monkeys in the arts and crafts area with a variety of fun and unique activities including creating life size vegetables out of felt! There was also the opportunity for plant pot decorating and bulb planting in the gardening area.

New and exciting activities included a performance and workshop from the talented StopGAP Youth Theatre Company and an energetic Zumba room. Guests were also able to put their circus skills to the test at the fantastic circus skills workshop.

Parents and carers were not forgotten, and were invited to enjoy a calm and relaxing Indian Head massage from Jacklyns R and R.

In addition to all of the fun activities on offer, we were joined once again by our favourite face painters 'Magical Faces,' who created some amazing masterpieces, and by Eagle Radio who recorded and produced a radio show with the help of all the guests!

The Short Breaks Team was joined on the day by volunteers from Avenues, YMCA, NAS, Grafham Grange and staff from the Surrey Children with Disabilities teams. We would like to say a huge thank you to them for their support as without them, the Fun Days wouldn't be possible!

The Surrey Short Breaks Team plan to hold another Family Fun Day in March 2013. To ensure you are the first to know, contact the Short Breaks Team to be added to our mailing list!

**shortbreaks@surreycc.gov.uk
Or 01372 833073 / 833638**





What is Disability Challengers?

Disability Challengers is a local children's charity who provide vital play and leisure opportunities to disabled children and young people across Surrey.

Challengers run a number of schemes across Surrey including weekend and holiday play and youth schemes, after-school clubs, activity weekends and youth nights. These schemes give disabled children and young people a space of their own to have fun, express themselves and make friends. Challengers schemes also give parents and loved ones a short break from caring.

Where are Disability Challengers schemes?

Disability Challengers have play centres in both Guildford and Farnham, but run a variety of local schemes at locations all over Surrey including Oxted, Leatherhead, Epsom, Bookham, Dorking and Caterham.

Who can go to Challengers?

Children with a whole range of disabilities attend Challengers; and it is Challengers' belief that any child should be able to attend their schemes and have a fantastic time whatever their needs. This is why they operate a non-exclusion policy; if a child or young person wants to attend Challengers, they'll ensure they'll make it work for them. Siblings are also welcome to attend any Challengers projects, and often do!



In 2012 Disability Challengers supported 1,313 disabled children and young people, which means 130,000 hours of fantastic fun has been had at the schemes across Surrey! By providing these short breaks from caring, Disability Challengers have also supported these 1,313 children's families and loved ones.

A word from a parent...

"Tom adores Challengers and is free to have a wonderful time with full support in a safe environment and caring, fun staff. I get the chance to have a break from Tom about once a month on a Saturday to go shopping with no kids or meet friends for lunch. This is invaluable to my sanity. We are all really happy after a Challengers Day."

For more information contact the Play and Leisure Team:

Telephone: **01483 579390** / Email: **information@disability-challengers.org**

Or visit: **www.disability-challengers.org**

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Get Active in Surrey!

Active Surrey is working towards making sport and physical activity in Surrey inclusive for all. Visit www.activesurrey.com and search the Activity Finder for clubs and organisations in Surrey that are inclusive of all abilities.

Here you can also find a 'Disability Sports Map' of all the clubs in Surrey that provide inclusive sport and find out more information on inclusive sports. If you need any more information about the work that Active Surrey does, please contact Wendy Newton on **07972 211989** or email wendy.newton@surreycc.gov.uk.

Autism Friendly Cinema Screenings

Not-for-profit organisation Dimensions, which supports people who experience autism and people with learning disabilities, partnered with Odeon in 2011 to begin their Autism Friendly Film initiative. Since then, the initiative has recently joined forces with Cineworld to extend the provision of the Autism Friendly viewings.

In Surrey, there are now Autism Friendly viewings at both the Guildford and Epsom Odeon Cinemas, and just outside the Surrey border, at the Cineworld in Crawley.

Autism Friendly Films are screened with the lights turned up, the volume turned down, the trailers and adverts removed and film-goers can feel free to move around the cinema or make a noise as they feel comfortable.

For more information visit www.dimensions-uk.org

Alternatively, visit the the Cineworld or Odeon websites or contact them directly:
Odeon: **0800 138 3315** Cineworld: **0871 200 2000**



The Family Fund



The Family Fund is an independent charity providing grants to low-income families raising disabled children and young people with additional complex needs and seriously ill children and young people. The family fund can help with essential items such as washing machines, fridges and clothing but can also consider grants for sensory toys, computers and much needed family breaks together. Last year the Family Fund helped over 59,000 families across the UK with over £33 million in grants. To find out more information and to apply for a grant, visit www.familyfund.org.uk, email info@familyfund.org.uk or call **08449 744 099**.

Wheels for All

You will remember in the last edition of our newsletter, we introduced the brand new inclusive cycling scheme 'Wheels for All' that with support from Surrey Short Break funding, now has over 30 adapted bikes being used at various locations across Surrey!



The Wheels for All initiative is a nationally recognised programme that embraces all children and adults with disabilities and differing needs, to engage in a quality cycling activity. By using specially adapted cycles, the activities are both physically and mentally stimulating and above all fun for everyone involved.

All the centres are equipped with specially adapted cycles and Wheels for All trained leaders, who have the knowledge and confidence to work with adapted cycles for participants to enjoy the benefits of cycling. The centres welcome individuals, groups and families to be involved.

The Surrey Wheels for All scheme, coordinated by Matthew Wing, is now running regular sessions at the Harrier Centre in Ewell every Thursday 3.15 – 5.15pm and on selected Saturdays, which many children and young people are already enjoying!

The Wheels for All scheme is set to expand to further venues and regular sessions in the very near future including Reigate and Woking, watch this space!

For more information and/or to be added to the Wheels for All mailing list to receive regular information and updates, contact Matthew Wing – Surrey WFA coordinator on matthew.wing@cyclimg.org.uk or on 07790 757216

Surrey Wheels for all is on Twitter! @Surreywheels4al
And coming soon ...
Facebook!

Get involved! In early 2013, Wheels for All will be running a one day Wheels for All Leader Training day in Surrey (date tbc). This is a great course for parents, siblings or anyone that would like to get more involved and gain valuable experience on how to deliver safe and enjoyable Wheels for All sessions. (Please note that CRB checks will be required for all volunteers).

Wheels for All is recruiting volunteers to help run track cycling sessions, or help with bike maintenance, and even confident cyclists that can work with us to plan and lead off road group rides for the more experienced riders and their families.

What do families think?

Since it began in 2012, more and more families have been accessing the Surrey Wheels for All scheme. We asked families what they thought of the scheme, and this is what they had to say:

“When my son Liam, who's five, first started at Wheels for All, he would sit on the tricycle and pedal backwards (I think he liked the tick-tick-tick noise the pedals made). This meant I would have to pull him around the track by myself. After about five sessions of doing this, I was wondering whether we were getting anything out of it other than my sore back. But to my amazement, on the next session he got onto the bike and off he went pedalling and steering all by himself! And since then he's been cycling around the track adding a few more laps on each session, with various family members popping along to share in the event. This has been a very special experience for us, so a big thank you to Matthew Wing and the team.”

“FANTASTIC, FABULOUS AND GREAT. We have been going regularly to the Thursday sessions at Epsom and each time Timi is getting better and better and gaining more confident as a rider. In the last sessions he managed to do seven rounds around the track without stopping. We are so proud of Timi's achievement and also very thankful for such opportunity provided for children like Timi.

I am indeed delighted and very thankful for the care, patient, commitment and handwork that Matthew the Project Leader is putting in. Long may this project continue because it is something Timi looks forward to with excitement and he thoroughly enjoys himself every time we go. THANK YOU TO ALL FOR THIS FANTASTIC PROJECT.”



“For us it is a fantastic project, bringing cycling within the reach of all children, regardless of their special needs or disabilities. Surrey Wheels for All gives all children the opportunity to discover the joys of riding a bike. It provides the children with an opportunity to mix with others and have fun, where often perhaps social interaction may be difficult. It provides the children with a sense of achievement and pride in their abilities. And speaking as a parent, it gives me the opportunity to join in the fun with my son and ride together.....something that previously, I thought I would never be able to do.

A fantastic and well worth while project...long may it continue.”

Exciting new opportunities from our £10k Grant Scheme!

Many organisations continue to benefit from the Surrey Short Breaks £10k Grant scheme, allowing them to provide children and young people with disabilities in Surrey new and exciting play and leisure opportunities. This double page spread shows some of the new schemes available as a result of this funding!

Eagle Radio – Eagle Extra Creative Radio After School Sessions



Eagle Radio will be delivering 2 after school workshops to at least ten Surrey schools with SEN students and limited after school provision, with the output broadcast on Eagle Extra radio!

Contact Martin Steers on 07880 031804 or visit www.eagleextra.co.uk



Family Resource Centre UK - Spelthorne GO! Club

The Spelthorne GO! Club runs at Shepperton Village Hall on Tuesdays from 4pm-6pm fortnightly for children and young people aged 5-19 with mild to moderate disabilities.

Sessions include a range of activities and offer children and young people opportunities to make new friends and try out new things.

Contact Lucy Williams on 0800 328 9148 or visit www.familyresourcecentreuk.org.uk



Freewheelers - Youth Drama Workshop Pilot

Freewheelers is running a new youth drama club pilot on Monday evenings from 6pm-8pm at The Bridge Youth Centre in Leatherhead for both disabled and non-disabled young people between the ages of 13 and 19. There will be a full range of lively and person centred drama activities using music, props and the young people's own ideas as starting points, and working towards an end of term performance.

Freewheelers - Half Term Play in a Week

Freewheelers is once again running its popular Play in a Week at Leatherhead Theatre during February half term. Disabled mentors from Freewheelers will assist with the week which will end with a performance at 2pm on the Friday afternoon to which an audience will be invited. The performance will involve drama, dance and music and will be created in a person-centred way to reflect the abilities and interests of the participants. Freewheelers aims to encourage teamwork, understanding and mutual respect for this to be an inspiring and very enjoyable week.

Contact Viv Colvill on 01932 860950 or visit www.freewheelerstheatre.co.uk

WhizzKidz – February Half Term WhizzKidz Camp

Whizz-Kidz is running a 3-day/ 2 night residential camp at Treloar College, Alton during February half-term 2013, for young people with mobility impairments who are essential manual or powered wheelchair users.



The camp will provide the young people the opportunity to learn life-skills, try new activities and have fun. The weekend will include a drama workshop, arts/sports, budgeting and shopping trip, cooking, party with karaoke and disco, culminating with an awards ceremony.

Treloar's is a fully accessible venue, and the young people will be supported by Whizz-Kidz staff, healthcare assistants and nurses.

Contact Andy Howell on 020 7798 6113 or visit www.whizz-kidz.org.uk

Dramatize Theatre Company Theatrical Workshops in School Holidays



Dramatize will be running theatrical workshops for children with disabilities during half term and the Easter holidays from 10am – 2pm in Sunbury on Thames. Each workshop will be based on a different theme, including 'Musical Magic', 'Story Time', 'Time to Boogie', 'Create your Character', culminating in a 'Final Finale' on the last day of each week.

Contact Joanne Smith on 07912 183085 or visit www.dramatize.co.uk

Boccia Epsom and Ewell - Boccia Club Sessions

The BEES is a Boccia club for physically disabled athletes aged 8 and over. Players learn the game, how to officiate, develop skills, practise regularly, play competitively and are offered a route into elite Boccia.



The emphasis is playing serious boccia in a fun and friendly environment. This friendly club runs from 10.00am-3.00pm twice a month, with extra sessions during the school holidays, and arranges social activities 2-3 times a year.

Contact Liz Moulam on 01372 275424 or visit www.bocciaempsomandewell.org.uk

The Sports Foundation Sports for Young People with Disabilities



The Sports foundation is based at The Sports Village in Sutton and has extensive facilities. Their new Sports Disability Club offers a specific programme for disabled children, including tennis, gymnastics and cardiovascular gym. Lessons can be booked in blocks of 4-6 sessions, and families can access their 'come and try' taster days.

Contact Richard Oxlade on 020 8641 6611 or visit www.thesportsfoundation.org.uk

YMCA sovereign



The YMCA Sovereign Centre is a purpose built centre for children and young people, with a focus on those with complex needs and disabilities. The Sovereign Centre has a number of fully accessible rooms, including sensory and soft play rooms, along with a fantastic outside play area with accessible roundabout, birds nest swing, musical instruments and much more!



The Yippee club runs from the Sovereign Centre, providing short breaks for families and fun filled days (both in and out of the centre) of exciting and enjoyable activities, all designed with each individual child's needs in mind.

In addition to the Yippee play schemes running during all school holidays and every Saturday during term time, children can also access the Yippee after school clubs. The after school clubs run every Tuesday and Thursday during term time, with transport available straight from Brooklands School in Reigate.

The after school club is a great opportunity for the children to unwind after a long day at school with all the activities provided such as arts and crafts and cooking, and furthermore provides further short break opportunities to their families.

To find out more about the full range of disability services at the YMCA Sovereign centre including the Yippee, Yip4youth and VBuddies schemes contact:
Telephone: **01737 222859**
Or visit **www.ymcaedhill.com**



The 'Including Me' Project



'Including Me' is a project for disabled children and children with a special educational need, that attend a specialist school or unit, away from the community they live in. The project is for children and young people aged between 4 and 16 years, to enable them to have the opportunity to access a local, mainstream after school club or holiday play scheme in Surrey.

Surrey County Council, Early Years and Childcare Service will fund a one to one play worker to support the child or young person to attend the setting. Parents/carers register and pay for the child to attend their local scheme.

For more information, contact **Hannah Clark: 01372 833905**



Good news from the National Autistic Society

With support from Surrey Short Breaks, there is now a Family Support Worker available for families living within the Surrey County Council area, caring for a child aged 18 or under with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or a related condition.

Families can expect information about ASD, advice on strategies for supporting their child, advice on how to support the wider family and information about other support and services that are available, from someone who has knowledge and experience of ASD and the impact it can have.

Many families find it helpful to speak to someone when their child is first diagnosed. Other families find it beneficial to have support to access the right educational or social care support for their child's needs. Support is given initially through arranging telephone support and then a home visit if necessary.

For more information contact Tessa Phillips - Family Support Worker
Email: tessa.phillips@nas.org.uk Tel: **07436 261163**

After School Short Breaks



Did you know that Surrey County Council provides funding towards many after school clubs and services across Surrey? Here are some examples of those available!

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You can contact the organisations individually to find out more. You will find their contact details on the Surrey Short Breaks page at www.surreycc.gov.uk/shortbreaks



Coming up in Spring 2013!

Disability Challengers play schemes for children aged 4-12 will be running on Saturdays in Guildford, Farnham and Epsom; during half terms in Guildford and Farnham and during the Easter Holidays in Guildford, Farnham, Epsom, Oxted and Dorking. Youth schemes for ages 13-18 will be running on Saturdays, during half terms and Easter holidays in Guildford, Farnham, Bookham, Caterham and Epsom. Various after school clubs, youth nights, activity weekends, swim clubs and family Sundays will also run across the Spring. For more information call the Play and Leisure Team on 01483 230 930.

The **Reigate and Redhill YMCA** Yippee club (aged 4-12 years) and Yip4Youth club for young people aged 13-16 years will be running after school clubs and Saturday schemes across the Spring, and on weekdays throughout Easter and half terms from 10am – 4pm. For more information call Emily (YIPPEE) or John (YIP4YOUTH and VBuddies) on 01737 222859.

Crossroads Saturday Clubs are running Saturdays across the year in Walton-on-Thames and Leatherhead for children and young people aged 5 – 19 years. For more information or to book a place contact Louise Walmsley on 07779 976184.

The Family Resource Centre will be running the brand new 'GO! Club' for children and young people aged 5-19 years in Shepperton from 4pm – 6pm every fortnight. For more information call 0118 907 6397 or Email: enquiries@familyresourcecentreuk.org

White Lodge Easter play schemes for children aged 4-12 years will be running in Runnymede on the 4th, 9th and 11th of April and in Spelthorne and Elmbridge from 3rd – 12th April (excluding weekends). Also running on these dates is the teens scheme for young people aged 13-18 years in Shepperton, and Twinks for children aged 4-12 on the Autism Spectrum at the White Lodge Centre in Chertsey. (Access to Twinks is by social care referral only.) Selected schemes also run on Saturdays across the year. For more information, call 01932 577961 or White Lodge reception on 01932 567131.

The **National Autistic Society** will be running Children's Clubs on weekdays in Godalming, Walton on Thames, Reigate and Woking for children aged 5-13 years, Youth clubs in Staines, Reigate, Epsom, Ash and Guildford for young people aged 13-19 years and a Young teens club in Guildford for children and young people aged 11-13 years. The NAS Surrey Autism centre also runs courses of Lego therapy and social skills in Godalming for children aged 5 and above. For more information call 01483 869553 / 869552.

Tadworth Children's Trust will be running Saturday clubs on selected dates across the Spring, and Holiday Camps will be running in the Easter Holidays from the 8th to the 12th April. For more details please contact Louise Gray on 01737 365090

Link Leisure will be running schemes across the Spring including Saturday play schemes (4-11 years), Sunday splash club (4-11 years) weekly music therapy (4-11 years) and weekly Dance club (10-19 years) all in Woking. Weekly youth clubs are also running in Sheerwater and Camberley (12-16 years) and a range of transition clubs (16-18 years) will be running in Camberley and Woking. For more information contact Link Leisure on 01483 770037.

Surrey Short Breaks for Disabled Children

Free Merlin Pass Monthly Lottery



APPLICATION FORM

Name of child/young person with disability _____ Date of birth _____

Parent/Carer's name _____

Address _____

_____ Post code _____

Home phone _____ Mobile phone _____

Email address _____

Expiry date of last Merlin Pass _____

Photocopy of proof of disability enclosed (tick all that apply):

- Blue Badge (photo ID required)
- Signed letter from GP (photo ID required)
- Disabled Living Allowance Letter (DLA)

Preferred Merlin Attraction to collect pass (tick only one):

- Legoland Windsor (closed during winter, passes available from resort hotel)
- Chessington World of Adventures (open all year, check website for opening times)
- Thorpe Park (closed during winter)

Declaration:

My child has a disability and lives within the Surrey County Council boundary. I give permission for the data on this form to be held by Surrey County Council and shared with Merlin Entertainments.

Signature _____

Print name _____

Relationship to child _____ Date _____

How did you hear about the Free Merlin Pass Monthly Lottery?

Newsletter / Short Breaks scheme or service / Website / Facebook / School / Friend /

Other _____

Please return to:

Free Merlin Pass Monthly Lottery, Surrey Short Breaks for Disabled Children, Surrey County Council, Fairmount House, Bull Hill, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 7AH or email shortbreaks@surreycc.gov.uk