



## Family Services Newsletter

**Dear Parent/ Carer**

**Summer 2016**

Hello and welcome to all the families of children who have joined Topaz class this term. I look forward to meeting all our new families at future school events. One of the purpose of Family Services is to offer extended opportunities for children & young people in our schools, and to provide support groups for families.

### **After School Clubs**

Throughout the spring term we ran a well-attended art club after school, where the children took part in lots of creative and fun activities. We also ran a yoga club that proves to be popular with both primary and secondary age children.

During the summer term we will be running a Movie and Games club as well as continuing the yoga club. Places for both these clubs have already been allocated.

As the school continues to grow I will review the current provision and we may need to group the children attending the after school clubs to ensure that they are able to join in and access what is on offer. Therefore we may need to rotate places so that there is fair access to all. Please help us by choosing clubs that your child will particularly enjoy or has a particular interest in.

**A gentle reminder to ensure that you collect your child on time from the after school club, or that a responsible adult is home when your child arrives home on transport.**

### **General information about after school club places:**

- All sessions are subsidised by the school. It is important that if you are unable to use the place allocated to you that you either email to cancel your place or call to speak to Louise at school, so that the place can be offered to someone else.
- Unfortunately due to the high cost of running the sessions, once places have been booked and paid for, we are unable to offer refunds. Please note that if you are more than 15mins late collecting your child on more than one occasion then your place will be offered to another child for the remainder of that half term.

### **Family Services Mobile**

In the holiday period please call the Family Services phone on 07555604583 if you need to speak to a member of staff. There will not always be a member of staff near the school office so it is important that you save this number in case of emergencies.

### **Activity Day**

Date: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Cost: £25

Info: Day trip to Odds Farm.

### **Summer Holiday Club**

Provisional Dates: 25/26/27/28 July + 1/2/3/4 August

Cost: £25 per day

## **Coffee Mornings**

Our parent coffee events are a great opportunity for you to meet other parents, to share your story and have the opportunity to share in a non-judgemental environment. Past coffee meetings have had visits/focus on the following themes-

- Parent Teacher Association at Pentland Field School
- ADHD and Autism Centre with Lynne Laverty
- Speech and Language therapy with Rupam

These coffee events are for you, so please let me know if there are other agencies that you would like me to invite to the sessions.

The following are provisional dates for the parent's coffees for the summer term:

Date to be confirmed @ Pentland Field School with a visit from Citizens advice  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May @ Grangewood with George from DASH

## **Friends of Pentland Field**

The Friends of Pentland (PTA) has now been set up. Please keep your eye out for the times and dates of meetings because we are always looking for more support. FOP are currently planning the school's first summer fair and would be very keen to hear from you if you can help in any way.

## **Toy/Resource Library**

The resource library is now up and running and is a fantastic way for you to introduce your child to a wide range of toys and games. There is a copy of the brochure on the school website for you to choose from. Alternatively you can request a paper copy to be sent home with your child.

**Please complete the attached forms if you would like to join the resource library sharing scheme.**

The resource library will be open on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 23 June from 11am -1pm for families to come in and have a look at the range of resources available and borrow items that they think their child will enjoy.

For more information on any of the above please contact Louise on 01895 609120. Alternatively you can email me on [familyservices@pentlandfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:familyservices@pentlandfieldschool.co.uk)

Many thanks

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### Football coaching for 8-16 year olds with disabilities.

**Saturdays 10:00 -11:30**

£5.00 per session

Sessions are led by fully qualified coaches from Rob Burton Soccer School.

Meet on the outdoor 3G pitch at Botwell Green Sports and Leisure Centre,  
East Avenue, Hayes UB3 2UW. Access via East or Central Avenue.

For further information please contact Rob Burton Soccer School on 07974 121701 or via email [rob@dash.org.uk](mailto:rob@dash.org.uk)



### A fun multi sports community club for young people with special needs. Sports include trampolining, football, volleyball, table tennis and boccia.

Please bring a parent or carer with you. Siblings are welcome.

**Saturday session, South Ruislip**

**Wednesday session, West Drayton**

Every Saturday 1.45-3.15pm

Every Wednesday, 7.00 - 9.00pm

Ages 8-19 years

Ages 11 years +

Cost: £3 per session

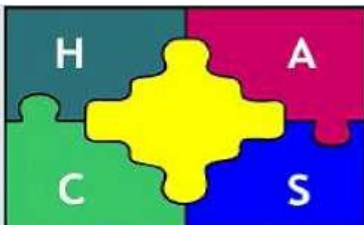
Cost: Free

Queensmead Sports Centre  
Victoria Road  
South Ruislip HA4 0JE

West Drayton Young Peoples Centre  
Rowhleys Place,  
Harmondsworth Road  
West Drayton, UB7 9LL



Contact information For further details on the club please contact Sports Development on [sportsdev@hillington.gov.uk](mailto:sportsdev@hillington.gov.uk) or for the Wednesday session contact Disability Sports Coach on 020 7021 0973 / email [colin@disabilitysportscoach.co.uk](mailto:colin@disabilitysportscoach.co.uk)



**HACS clubs** - designed to be fun but also support young people to develop the skills and confidence they need to lead independent lives using sports, arts and crafts, offsite and residential activities, music production, dance and drama, cooking workshops and issue-based projects

HACS clubs are provided, by the council and HACS, and focus on the support and development needs of young people aged between 13 and 25 who have autistic spectrum disorders.

**HACS club south** Is at Harlington Young People's Centre on Wednesdays between 3.30pm and 6pm.

**HACS club north** Is at South Ruislip Young People's Centre on Thursdays between 7pm and 9.30pm.



**What we provide** - CAAS supports, educates and empowers individuals with ADHD and/or autism, their families, and the community. Through raising awareness we change perceptions and break down barriers. Our support services encompass education, benefits, parenting and care advice with signposting to other agencies if appropriate. We also offer specialised parenting courses, workshops and training for professionals.

**Who it is for** - Individuals with ADHD and/or autism, their families, and professionals.

**When it is available** - We have a full timetable of services which can be seen on our website. Our drop in support group is on a Wednesday and Friday (term time only) from 10.30am till 12.30pm.

**Cost** - Many of our services, including the drop-in support groups are free. There are charges for our courses and workshops ranging from £10-£50. Prices for bespoke training for professionals is available on request.



### ODEON autism friendly cinema screenings

ODEON hosts autism friendly cinema screenings every month. Listed below are the upcoming autism friendly cinema screenings with ODEON. Please see the Odeon website for further details.

*The Jungle Book - 24th April*

*The Huntsman: Winter's War - 25th April*

*The Angry Birds Movie - 22nd May*

*X-Men: Apocalypse - 23rd May*



**7 May - 8 May 2016**

Special Children's Day is a unique annual event at ZSL London Zoo 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.