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# Families Newsletter

## Easter Activities Evaluation

We provided a wide range of activities during the Easter break and these were attended by a total of 98 children and young people on our database.

Support was offered at the following universal childcare settings; Let's Play Together, William Harding and Wasps in the North of the county; Nexus Community Active Zones in Chesham, Beaconsfield and Chalfont St Peter and Parkwood Leisure's Camp Adventure in High Wycombe.

Some children had no problems accessing these venues and thoroughly enjoyed their sessions. Others struggled, particularly with the sports centre based settings as there were little or no alternative things for them to do if they did not wish to take part in the planned activities.

Children at the top of the age range for these schemes also appeared out of place and at Wycombe the age range has now been capped at 12 years. It is likely that this will apply to the Active Zones in future and it already applies at school based settings.

We did not find any universal services that we could link our teenagers into so we made sure that our specialist activities were accessible to them where possible. However TVAP and Thomley Hall set their own age ranges and these are usually non-negotiable. Thomley Hall and TVAP are always popular venues although parents find that the shorter day and the distance they need to travel to reach the venues does put them off accessing them. For Spring Half Term we will offer a day at each of these venues

and we will provide transport to them. However, priority for places will be given to children and young people for whom no other provision is really safe or suitable.

We had planned to run 5 Fun Days but eventually only ran 3 as those offered in Winslow and Evreham did not take enough bookings. With only 6 booked for Winslow and 4 booked for Evreham we took the decision to cancel these venues and increase numbers at those running in Aylesbury, Princes Risborough and Amersham. We ran the fun days as a pilot for future delivery and feedback so far has been as we expected. The majority of children and young people thoroughly enjoyed the days but a few found them too noisy and chaotic. We also got a lot of requests for more Family Trips so during Spring Half Term we will do both fun days and trips to ensure we are offering as wide a choice as possible to all our families.

The Climb and Swim activity days that we offer at Chilltern Pools were greatly improved due to us using the youth club premises as our base. We enhanced these days by including shopping, skateboarding, library visits, playing in the park or just 'chilling' at the youth club as alternative activities to choose from. Feedback for these sessions has been extremely positive and it has been requested that they become a regular part of our holiday programme. A lot of young people also asked if they could do cinema and bowling again so we have included these activities in the Spring Half Term programme.

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## Bucks Activity Project

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### NEWS FLASH

**This newsletter contains our Spring Half Term Activities programme see page 2 for details.**

**The deadline for bookings is Monday 10th May and we will confirm allocations to you by Monday 17th May.**

**Don't delay book today!!!**

We have enclosed Easter Evaluation forms with this newsletter as we have new outcomes to monitor in line with our new contracts. All forms returned to us will be entered into a prize draw to win £25 of Marks & Spencer vouchers!

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# Spring Half Term Activities

Monday 31st May	Tuesday 1st June	Wednesday 2nd June	Thursday 3rd June	Friday 4th June
Bank Holiday	<p><b>Family Trip</b> To <b>Portsmouth</b> (not wheelchair accessible)</p> <p><b>8.30am - 5.30pm</b> Pick-up/drop off <b>Grange School, Aylesbury</b></p> <p>Age range <b>0-19 years</b> Children under the age of 5 years remain the responsibility of their parents</p>	<p><b>Fun Day</b> At <b>Princes Risborough Community Centre</b></p> <p><b>10am-4pm</b> Meet us there</p> <p>Siblings welcome!</p> <p>Age range, including siblings <b>5-19 years</b> Parents do not need to attend</p>	<p><b>Family Trip</b> To <b>Legoland</b></p> <p><b>8.30am - 5.30pm</b> Pick-up/drop off <b>Maplewood School High Wycombe</b> (to be confirmed)</p> <p>Age range <b>0-19 years</b> Children under the age of 5 years remain the responsibility of their parents</p>	<p><b>Fun Day</b> At <b>Maplewood School High Wycombe</b> (to be confirmed)</p> <p><b>10am-4pm</b> Meet us there</p> <p>Siblings welcome!</p> <p>Age range, including siblings <b>5-19 years</b> Parents do not need to attend</p>
	<p><b>Activity Day</b> At <b>Thomley Hall</b> Transport available from <b>Grange School, Aylesbury</b></p> <p><b>9.30am-4.30pm</b> Or Meet us there <b>10.30am-3.30pm</b> Age range <b>10-19 years</b></p>	<p><b>Activity Day</b> At <b>Aylesbury Cinema &amp; Bowling</b> Meet us there outside the cinema</p> <p><b>10am - 4pm</b></p> <p>Age range <b>5-19 years</b></p>	<p><b>Activity Day</b> At <b>TVAP</b> Transport available from <b>Maplewood School High Wycombe</b> (to be confirmed)</p> <p><b>9.30am-4.30pm</b> Or Meet us there <b>10.30am-3.30pm</b> Age range <b>5-16 years</b></p>	<p><b>Activity Day</b> At <b>Chiltern Pools Climb &amp; Swim</b> Meet us there at the Youth Centre (to be confirmed)</p> <p><b>10am - 4pm</b></p> <p>Age range <b>5-19 years</b></p>

The cost is £5 per child/young person per activity day/trip. Under 5's are free

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<b>The cost is £5 per child/young person per session</b>				

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### Bucks Family Information Service

The website is up and running and Bucks Family Information Service (BFIS) would be very interested to receive some feedback about how user friendly the website is.

Please can parents try it out and send their feedback to BFIS.

The site can be accessed through Buck County Council website or by typing Bucks Family Information Service into a search engine such as Google.

## THANK YOU HARMONI

We would like to say a big thank you to Harmoni, the Out of Hours Doctors Service, for the money they raised for our children and young people earlier this year.

Our name was put forward by Maz Zafar, a member of their team, who used to be an Activity Leader with Bucks Activity Project. A raffle was held and a total of £444 was raised for us to spend on toys, games and fun activity equipment.

Two Harmoni representatives, Becky and Becky, joined us on our fun day at Stony Dean School and presented the children and young people with a big cheque. The youngsters were really excited and have already decided what to spend the money on several times over...



## Diary Dates

Carers Bucks still have some places left on the two day workshop they are running for parents on:

### Understanding Autistic Spectrum Disorders and Challenging Behaviour; A TEACCH Approach.

Tues 25th & Wed 26th May

10am-3pm/Cost £10

at The Fitzwilliam Centre,  
Windsor End, Beaconsfield  
HP9 2JW

Contact Carers Bucks on  
01296 392711

or

email [gill.aikens@carersbucks.org](mailto:gill.aikens@carersbucks.org)

### London Zoo Special Children's Day Sat 12th June

London Zoo are offering children and young people with special needs and their families reduced entry rates for this day. Tickets must be pre-booked and pre-paid before 6th June.

- Under 3's - free
- 3 - 18 years - £8 (normally £16)
- Adults - £12 (normally £19.80)
- Carer (one per family) - free

For more information and a booking form call Steve on 0207 449 6551 or email:  
[steve.marriott@zsl.org](mailto:steve.marriott@zsl.org)

### Disabled Living Exhibition

'Kidz in the Middle'

Mobility

Seating

Beds

Communication

Toys

Bathing

Wellbeing

Sports and Leisure Activities  
and more...

*One of the largest FREE exhibitions totally dedicated to disabled children, their families, and the professionals who work with them.*

Thurs 24th June

Rivermead Leisure Complex

Reading

Call; 0161 214 5959 for more info