



Spring Term

28th March 2024

newsletter

At Thakeham we CARE

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Welcome

Dear All,

So we come to the end of another Spring term and it has certainly flown past! We were honoured to have had a visit from the amazing Nick Butterworth, author of the much-loved Percy the Park Keeper books among others, over 10 million copies sold worldwide – wow!!!

The children sang beautifully at the March Music Festival, many thanks especially to Mrs Hopkins for the many hours of rehearsals! The children were a credit to you all 😊

Please see some information further down in the Newsletter about a Bags of Support collection arranged by FoTS for after the Easter break (collection on Weds 17th April), a perfect opportunity to do some Spring cleaning whilst supporting a great cause!

Don't forget to sign up for summer clubs and the new Saplings wraparound care provision!

There are also plenty of egg-citing events and activities happening over the Spring break, so please check out all the offers in the Local Adverts section.

Have a great Spring break!
Best wishes from the Thakeham Family.

If there has been any change to when you gave consent for the school to administer school kept medicine i.e. adverse reactions to paracetamol/antihistamine, please notify the School Office ASAP.

Email us at: office@thakehamps.co.uk

Call us on: 01903 740176



Who Are We Celebrating This Fortnight?

Positive,
Persevering Perry



Co-operative
Caring Chloe



Headteacher
Award



Reflective,
Reviewing Rowan



Curious,
Questioning Cleo



Naia (Beatles)
Sophia (Franklin)

Jasper (Wonder)
Freddie (Marley)

Attendance Figures

Thank you for your support in helping our pupils to see the value in each and every day at school. We track attendance because only a little missed can have a huge long-term impact on a child's progress. **Our target is 97%**. Current attendance percentages for the new academic year to date are:

Beatles Class: **97%**
Wonder Class: **97%**
Marley Class: **96%**
Franklin Class: **95%**

Our School Values

CARE – COURAGE – AMBITION – RESPECT – ENJOYMENT

These are the values that drive our school. They feed into how we learn, how we act with one another, how we teach, how we handle our pastoral elements; so much of what we do! So, it is important we remember them. Our Super Learning Heroes relate directly to these and are how we make our values child friendly. They all come under our new, 'Thakeham Way'.

Time to Shine!

Please see below for some exciting news from our community. We are so proud of everything our pupils do and want to share!

Some of our pupils performing in a stage production of Charlie & the Chocolate Factory with Sandra Wilson's School of Performing Arts – well done girls!



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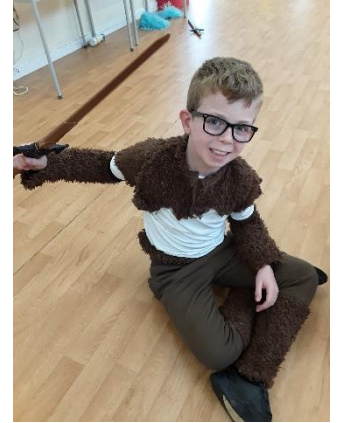
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School Life

Some of the exciting activities some of our pupils have experienced over the last few weeks!

Franklin class Vikings Workshop



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Nick Butterworth – Author Visit



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Nick Butterworth Author visit continued



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March Music Festival

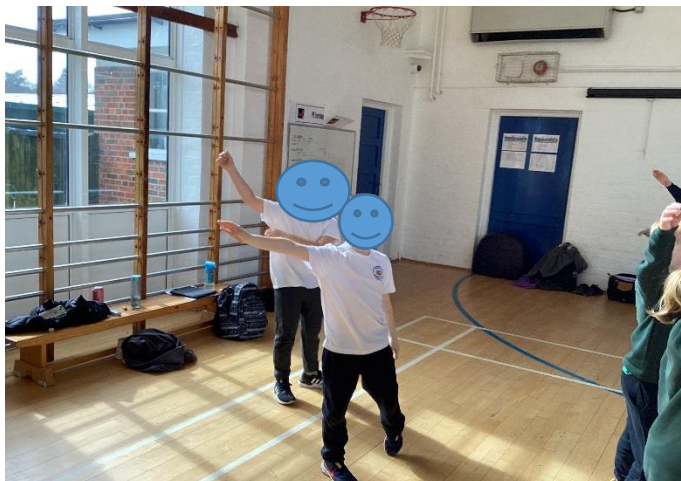


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Year 3/4 Dance Taster

Some Year 3/4 children attended a dance taster session hosted by Steyning Grammar School for locality schools in the area, they had lots of fun!



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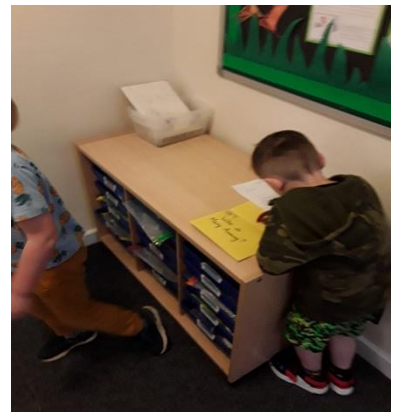
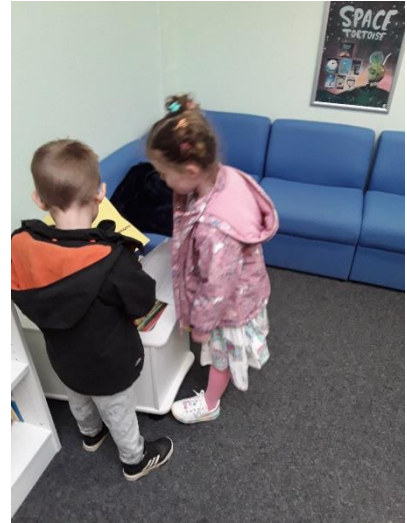
Easter Service & Beatles Easter Trail



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Wonder Class Easter Trail



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FoTS Spring Cake Sale



Dates for Your Diary

- **29th March-12th April:** Spring Break
- **15th April:** Summer term starts
- **15th-16th April:** Bags of Support drop off in Excess Hall (drop off and pick up times)
- **17th April:** Bags of Support collection (Excess Hall)
- **19th April:** Coffee Morning with Rachael Highfield 9:00am – all welcome!
- **22nd April:** Year 6 Bikeability week (letters emailed home)

Inset Days 2023/2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024



FoTS have organised a Bags of Support collection for **Wednesday 17th April**.

Please bring any filled bags to the Excess Hall at drop off or pick up from Monday 15th April right up until drop off on Wednesday 17th April. Let's raise some funds for the school and support a very worthwhile cause at the same time! Please see below for items they can collect. Thank you in advance for your support.

BAGS OF SUPPORT

Bags of support was set up in 2012 when the founder Karrie Mellor was chair of her children's primary school PTA. She had been sending clothes to Turgu Mures orphanage in Romania and wanted to have access to a wider variety of clothing to be able to support the orphanages additional children.

Karrie also wanted to find a sustainable, ethical way for the PTA to raise funds that didn't always include asking parents to dip into their pockets or bake a cake! Her school initially used one of the large commercial recycling operations but to help meet the requests from the orphanage she decided to start her own clothes recycling operation. When all her competitors dropped their prices to 35p and below per kilo – Bags of Support continued to offer 50p per kilo.

Bags of Support believes strongly that it is imperative that we teach our children the importance of recycling and has teamed up with Multi award winning Sussex Green Living : www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk to provide schools assemblies encouraging recycling and promoting a more sustainable way of living.

We can take reusable Clothing/ Shoes / Handbags / Belts / Bedding (not duvets or pillows) .

Aside from the donated Clothes we directly distribute as Aid in Nkuringo, Uganda , the remainder of clothing we collect is sold on in the UK , encouraging the re- use of clothing. If everyone in the UK (63 million people) bought one reclaimed woollen garment each year, it would save an average of 1,686 million litres of water and 480 tonnes of chemical dyestuffs.

Bags
of
Support



NKURINGO , UGANDA

Bags of support finds homes for unwanted re-usable clothing – Karrie and her children regularly distribute Clothing and other textile aid to the Nkuringo community in South Western Uganda where in addition , Bags of Support pays for the Education, Board and Lodgings of some of the children.



With a little direction
I can find a solution

I need some
guidance to
solve the
problem

Early Help

We can provide you with information, advice and guidance by answering any questions you may have. We can also help you find local services, make referrals and talk about your needs

Dedicated Schools Team - Family Support Worker.

Rachael Highfield

I look forward to meeting you

On Friday 19th April from 9am



“Come and pop in for a coffee and a chat”

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL IS CALLING ON **CREATIVE PRIMARY-AGED CHILDREN** IN THE DISTRICT TO **DESIGN A THANK YOU CARD** FOR OUR FANTASTIC **COMMUNITY HEROES**.

There are so many lovely people who make our District a great place to live. From the nicest neighbours to inspiring coaches cheering you on, we would like you to draw or paint a design to celebrate them.

The winning design will be made into cards which our Chairman will present at a special thank you tea party in June for all our wonderful local heroes!

Grown-ups can submit entries by sending in a scan or photo of the design, which should fit on a sheet of A4 paper, along with details of their little artist to: communications@horsham.gov.uk by **1 May 2024**.



Full details of the competition can be found on our website at: www.horsham.gov.uk/communityhero



Horsham District Council

NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY HERO



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DESERVES
A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR MAKING YOUR
NEIGHBOURHOOD A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE?

Perhaps your postie goes the extra mile, your neighbours are there when you most need them, or your children have a coach giving it their all.

From individual impact to people with a tireless drive to serve your community, we want to say thank you to the everyday heroes of the District at a special tea party hosted by our Chairman.



NOMINATE ONLINE BY 1ST MAY AT:
WWW.HORSHAM.GOV.UK/COMMUNITYHERO

FREE: GIRLS RUGBY FUN EASTER CLUB



Hey girls! Get ready to tackle some Easter fun! Join us for a free girls' rugby session where we'll enjoy games to enhance passing, running, ball techniques, and teamwork

No previous experience is needed, for all levels of abilities.

**FRIDAY 12TH APRIL
2PM - 3.30PM**

- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Passing exercises
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork activities
- ✓ Fun games & prizes



KS1 Group
4-7 years old
2 - 3.30PM

KS2 GROUP
8-11 years old
2 - 3.30PM

Pulborough Rugby Club
Pulborough Rd, Storrington, Pulborough
RH20 4HP

Got a question?

Lizzie - 07796144571
pulboroughrugbyu7@gmail.com



Register now by
scanning the QR code
and filling in the form



EASTER HOLIDAYS

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SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps



Based on over 20,000 reviews

YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMPS

Worthing	Adur	Arun	Storrington
West Park Primary School	The Angmering School	Sompting Village Primary	Chanctonbury Leisure Centre
Our Lady Sion Senior School			
	Barnham		Horsham
	Barnham Village Hall		Wisborough Green Primary

PLEASE BRING

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the Easter holidays.

*For children in Year 1 - Year 6

*Drop off from 8.30-4pm £24.95

*ALL HAF venues, please book via WSCC website

*ALL Ofsted registered (EXC - WG) Childcare Vouchers accepted

*10% OFF if all dates booked

Book now for a school holiday full of fun!

CAMPS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!

*T&Cs apply. Refer a friend discount on new bookings only.



Based on over 20,000 reviews

Chartwells Schools

HAPPY EASTER

Easter Treat
Thursday 28th March
 Order now on parentpay.com

MAINS
 Beef Burger
 Veggie Bolognese
 Jacket Potato & Baked Beans

SIDES
 Rainbow vegetables or Salad

DESSERT
 Lemon Easter Cupcake

Scan QR code to order
No later than Thursday 14th March
 *Special diets will remain in place.



Pulborough Pop-In

Parents/carers are welcome to come and join us in a relaxed and safe environment to chat about anything and everything!

Make friends, learn about the community, the schools, things to do in and around the area for families, natter about work and where to go on holiday!

Tea, coffee and biscuits available.
 Pre-schoolers are welcome.



WHEN AND WHERE?

Every Wednesday (during term-time)
 From 9am - 11am
 @ Pulborough Library



£1 suggested donation

For more information, please contact
 Isla Moran 075 226 89948
isla@pdcca.org.uk



Windlesham House School Holiday Camp (Pulborough)

Pied Piper Activities

holiday camps at Windlesham House

Embark on an exciting journey with Pied Piper multi-activity camps, the ultimate experience for children aged 4 to 12 during their Easter and Summer holidays!

Providing fantastic OFSTED registered childcare with over 60 different activities for children to take part in, you will have complete peace of mind knowing that your children are not only having a great time but are safe and cared for too.

Our camps are safe, friendly, and secure, ensuring your child's adventure unfolds in a nurturing environment. Our handpicked staff are carefully selected for their fun-loving, caring, enthusiastic and committed nature and their ability to deliver the Pied Piper difference throughout your child's week at camp.

Join us at Pied Piper at Windlesham House School, where joy knows no bounds, and every moment is a chance to create wonderful childhood memories that last a lifetime!



BOOK NOW
ONLINE



Scan me to book!



Creating wonderful
childhood memories...


Contact us:

E: teamyellow@piedpiperactivities.co.uk

W: piedpiperactivities.co.uk

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EASTER NETBALL CAMP

Date: Wednesday 10th April

Venue: Steyning Grammar School, Rock Road

Time: 9am to 1pm

Age: 7 to 16 year olds

Cost: £20

To book fill in the google form in the email or for non members email starsnccamps@gmail.com



Stars NC



£18 per Family



Goodwood Education Trust: Forest Adventures Family Day

Please join us for one of our Goodwood Education Trust Family Fun Days. A wonderful opportunity for our young people on the neurodevelopmental pathway and their families to access a range of outdoor activities in a fun and relaxed environment.

Activities: Fire lighting and Smores, Hapazome, Wood Cookies and Nature Detectives*

Please wear appropriate clothing, footwear and bring a packed lunch for the day

*Please note: activities are subject to change

Date: Saturday 24th March, 11am-3:30pm
 Venue: Goodwood, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0QF
 Booking is essential, please contact: wsxbookings@aspens.org.uk



aspens.org.uk Charity no: 1171446

In aid of Chestnut Tree House children's hospice

THE BIG SWIM RELAY



Organised by United Swimming Academy
 Good Friday 29th March 2024
 Windlesham House School,
 London Road, RH20 4AY

Swim as a team, swim for fun, swim for charity. Train, challenge and enjoy...
 How many lengths can your team swim in 55 minutes?

- Adults and children all welcome
- Teams of six
- 55 minute-relay event
- All participants must be able to swim a comfortable 25m



Enter

Contact: Simon King
 simon@unitedswimmingacademy.com
 07391 420931

<https://qrco.de/SwimRelay>

www.chestnut.org.uk
 Registered charity number 256789



STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT



QUIZ STARTS AT 7PM!

RAFFLE & PRIZE FOR THE QUIZ WINNERS!

TO BOOK PLEASE CALL 01903 746569

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2024 - 7PM
STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON PARISH HALL,
THAKEHAM ROAD, STORRINGTON, RH20 3PP
TABLES OF 6

£10 PER PERSON INCLUDING A LIGHT SUPPER
TABLES & PLACES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE
PLEASE DON'T BRING DRINKS AS BAR AVAILABLE

STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM PRESENT

TAYLOR MAID

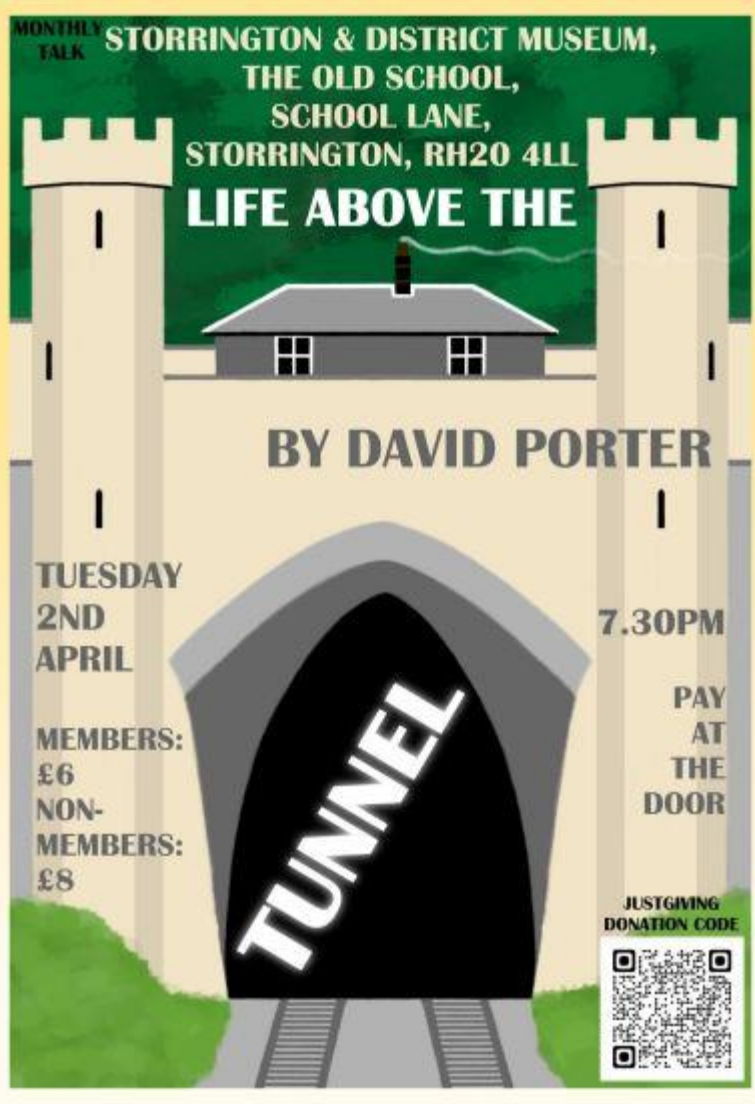
VINTAGE SWING
 POPULAR JAZZ
 LIVELY FIDDLE TUNES
 LATIN & MUSIC TO MAKE YOU SMILE!



FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM MUSIC 7PM -10PM
 PARISH HALL • THAKEHAM RD • STORRINGTON • RH20 3PP
 DRINKS INCLUDING ALCOHOL & SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE

TICKETS £15 IN ADVANCE ONLY FROM THE MUSEUM OFFICE:
 01903 740188 OR EMAIL: contact@storringtonmuseum.com
 OR FROM THE OLD SCHOOL • SCHOOL LANE • STORRINGTON • RH20 4LL
 Office opens Sat & Wed 10am-4pm • Sun 10am - 1pm



LIFE ABOVE THE TUNNEL

By DAVID PORTER

**APRIL 2nd at 7.30 p.m. at Storrington Museum,
The Old School, School Lane, Storrington, RH20 4LL.**

David has lived at the Clayton Tunnel North Portal, which is 7 miles outside Brighton, since 2003. After clearing the land of decades of rubbish and cutting back the rampant vegetation that seeks to overcome the cottage, he has sought to bring the story of this unique building to the attention of a wider audience through talks and the occasional tour.

David is an experienced public speaker and, during his day job, works as a freelance fraud investigator. In this talk he explains this Gothic folly's historic origins and features a bold Victorian architect, plucky railway families, all manner of flora and fauna, railway disasters, secret passages and a few ghosts.

Venue: Old School, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LL.

Members £6. Non Members £8. All welcome

Farmyard Fun!



Have a quacking time this Easter – join us at the library for some hay-larious stories and a-moo-sing craft activities!

Suitable for children aged 4 years and up

Booking essential – please contact the library to reserve a place.

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.

**Friday 12 April
11am - 12noon**



Join us for our Easter and Summer intensives and Term Time Swimming courses at Lancing College

Classes available for all abilities
Expert teachers, beautiful facilities

E info@penguinswimlessons.co.uk
www.penguinswimlessons.co.uk



Easter Intensive 5-day Course.
Monday 8th April – Friday 12th April

Summer Intensive 5-day Course
Monday 29th - Friday 2nd August

Cost, £80.00 per child

Penguins Swimming Lessons is an experienced and dedicated team, passionate about nurturing swimmers of all ages and abilities. Over the last 30 years, we are proud to have helped thousands of swimmers gain a skill for life.

A 5 day-long intensive course will give your child a wonderful opportunity to immerse themselves in swimming. Whether they are completely new to the water, or have come to build on existing skills, devoting this time and energy to their swimming is an invaluable way to start, or continue, their swimming journey.

These 30-minute lessons are for **children aged 4 years and over**.

We have small classes for all abilities and take place in the morning at the same time each day. Our teachers and team of Helpers are in the pool with the little ones.

To book your spot on a course email
Office Penguin; info@penguinswimlessons.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you 😊



Autism and Social Communication Advisory Team

Exploring Autism for Parents and Carers

A new and updated programme
offering up to date thinking and links
to research-based evidence for parent
carers of autistic children
and young people.



Sessions to explore Autism and strategies to support acceptance, empowerment, and relationships in family life.

Are you a parent/carer of a child or young person, aged 8-16 years, who is autistic or on the social communication pathway and have not attended this course before?

This NEW programme has been redeveloped to ensure that it is current and up to date. The course is an excellent source of information for those new to Autism or for those requiring a little more in-depth knowledge. Parent carers and the facilitators will learn and collaborate together. The programme is free of charge to families of children in West Sussex maintained schools and academies, at this time.

Course aims:

- to give a broad and balanced and positive view of how autism and social communication differences may impact on the child/young person's life and that of the family.
- to explore key practical strategies that can support autistic children.
- to provide a forum for families to share their experiences and expertise together.

Course outline:

The six sessions will be focused on both theoretical and practical aspects of autism and the resulting strengths and challenges. These recorded sessions can be watched when convenient to the family, followed by the one hour weekly group meeting. This provides opportunity to participate in discussions and ask questions via an online platform. We ask that parents attend each of these weekly online discussion groups.



In order for participants to fully benefit from this course we ask that they attend **all** sessions.

Topics covered by session:

Session 1: Autism Acceptance

Develop understanding of autism, discuss experiences of getting a diagnosis and identify how autism can affect families.

Session 2: Communication

Develop understanding of communication difficulties and strategies to improve communication and interaction skills for the autistic child/young person.

Session 3: Sensory Needs

Consider how sensory information and experiences may be processed differently by those who are autistic, share strategies to help with sensory differences.

Session 4: Anxiety

Improve understanding of the signs of distress that autistic young people may display and consider approaches to support self-regulation.

Session 5: Social Thinking and Masking

Explore the differences autistic young people may have with socialising and developing relationships. Look at ways to develop social thinking, explore the idea and impact of masking.

Session 6: Adolescence and Independence

Consider ways to encourage independence and manage adolescence challenges including puberty, sensory impact and social differences.

Exploring Autism Welcome Video:

<https://youtu.be/JqGPImJHRMs>

Dates:

Spring 2: Every Thursday 12-1pm from 22nd February to the 28th March 2024.

Summer: Every Thursday 6.30-7.30pm from 18th April to the 23rd May 2024.

Summer 2: Every Wednesday 1-2pm from 5th June - 10th July 2024.

Summer Holidays: 6.30-7.30pm Dates TBC.

For further details please contact:

Email: ASCT@westsussex.gov.uk

Please note there are a limited number of places on this course.

WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



Each webinar will take place on Zoom at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes

FREE TO ANY
PARENT/CARER
LIVING IN
SUSSEX

- 22ND FEBRUARY AVOIDANT/RESTRICTIVE FOOD INTAKE DISORDER (ARFID)
- 26TH MARCH MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR
- 16TH APRIL BEREAVEMENT
- 15TH MAY SUPPORTING PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION
- 13TH JUNE SUPPORT FOR KINSHIP CARERS
- TBC JULY CYBER SAFETY



SUPPORTED BY HEADS ON AND NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER'S COVID APPEAL

WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Scan here:



Or visit:

[https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/
id/1206#/](https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1206#/)

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk

Delivered by [Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services \(CAMHS\)](#)

Winter Timetable: Parenting Peer Support Group 'Circles'



If you are a parent or care giver to a child or young person and supporting them with their mental health, you may feel alone at times and need some support.

Did you know peer support from others who are experiencing similar situations can help with increasing confidence and learning new skills like coping with challenges? We at West Sussex Mind know how vital it is for people to talk and share their experiences, so we have started Peer Support Group 'Circles' across the county, where you can meet the team and other parents, all with lived experience, who can provide some much needed empathy and understanding.

The Parents Service at West Sussex Mind has lots more to offer:

- Peer Support Groups both during the day (both in person and on-line) and evening (on-line)
- Monthly 'Expert by Experience' Guest Speaker Zoom evening sessions, i.e. Self-Harm, EBSA, Autism and mental health, Masking, Supporting siblings and more . . .
- 1:1 sessions with a Peer Support Worker (who has lived and professional experience). These are in blocks of three and can be delivered at a time convenient for you
- Closed Facebook group; regular newsletters and access to training, e-learning and webinars (on the West Sussex Mind website).

Come and join us at:

ADUR (Lancing)

Lancing Parish Hall, South Street,
Lancing BN15 8AJ

- THURSDAYS - 22/02/24 and 14/03/24
- AFTERNOONS - 12:30-14:00

ARUN (Bognor Regis)

Arun West Family Hub, Laburnam Grove,
Bognor Regis PO22 9HT

- THURSDAYS - 18/01/24 and 21/03/24
- MORNINGS - 10:00-11:30

NORTH (Crawley)

Bewbush Family Centre, Dorsten Square,
Crawley RH11 8XW

- TUESDAYS - 02/01/24; 06/02/24; 05/03/24
- MORNINGS - 10:00-11:30

NORTH (Horsham)

i-Rock, Hurst Cafe, Hurst Road, Horsham RH12 2DN

- TUESDAYS - 09/01/24; 20/02/24; 12/03/24
- AFTERNOONS - 13:00-14:30

WEST (Midhurst)

South Downs Centre, North Street,
Midhurst GU29 9DH

- TUESDAYS - 30/01/24; 27/02/24; 26/03/24
- MORNINGS - 10:30-12:00

WORTHING

Methold House (The Annexe), North Road,
Worthing BN11 1DU

- TUESDAYS - 23/01/24 and 19/03/24
- MORNINGS - 10:30-12:00

To access the Parenting Service you will need to register with us. If you would like to attend one of our groups, you can drop into a session and then register with the service, or contact us via our Help Point and state you would like a Parenting referral to access the groups. Please call our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652 or email helppoint@westsussexmind.org