



## Short Breaks Service



### For Children with Disabilities

#### Newsletter w/c 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

This newsletter contains events and updates from various services around Halton, as well as other general information which you may find useful. You can find out more information on the [Halton Local Offer page online](#) or contact the [Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities](#) team too.

### Play By Nature Forest School Christmas activities



The team at Play By Nature are holding their Forest School between **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December 9am-1pm** at Westfield Primary School Runcorn.

Offering SEND friendly activities such as crafts, group fires, pond dipping, bug hunting, fairy house making, den building, tree climbing, tool use and many more, for children and young people age 5-11 years old.

Check out [their Facebook page](#) and contact Cheryl Bennett at [Playbynature@outlook.com](mailto:Playbynature@outlook.com) or call 07985 232429 to book your place

### Christmas Holiday activities

Halton Borough Council is delighted to announce that it has secured additional funding to enable local providers to offer **FREE activities & food** during the Christmas holiday period to school aged children from Reception to Year 11, who receive benefits related to free school meals. There are also a **number of places available to other vulnerable groups of children and young people, such as SEND, Young Carers, and NEET.**

With Christmas fast approaching there are lots of activities planned for the holidays across the borough – [click here to view the locations](#) and you can [click here to view the full list.](#)

## Santa Splash at Beechwood Community Centre



Beechwood Community Centre are holding their Santa Splash **on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, £2.50 for children and £4.20 for adults.

There are two sessions available – 2pm and 3.30pm. To book your place call the Centre on **01928 5650154** or email [office@beechwoodcentre.co.uk](mailto:office@beechwoodcentre.co.uk)

## SEND R US – Animal Teach workshop

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Bringing Families Together in  
Halton

**FREE**

EDUCATIONAL  
WORKSHOP



Do you love animals?  
Would you like to see  
them up close?



With a team of snakes, lizards, amphibians  
and invertebrates, it will  
be an experience you will not forget!

Contact SEND R US CIC to book your place via  
[sendrus@mail.com](mailto:sendrus@mail.com) or Facebook Messenger

Brookvale Community Centre  
Northwich Road  
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Friday 16th December  
5pm-7pm

*Refreshments and cakes will be on sale*

**Limited  
spaces**

Join the team at SEND R US for their final activity of the year at Brookvale Community Centre on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 5pm-7pm. A great session for all children and young people who love getting up close to animals! Email [sendrus@mail.com](mailto:sendrus@mail.com) or message the team through [Facebook](#) messenger.

## Halton SEND Parent Carers Forum – upcoming Zoom meetings with professionals



**HaltonSEND PARENT**  
**Carer's Forum**  
*Your voice counts*

As a reminder the team at Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum have organised several Zoom meetings and have now added some new sessions during December. These are an informative and informal way to ask questions and seek support from the professionals.

If you are not a member of the forum you can contact the Forum by emailing [admin@HaltonSendPCF.org.uk](mailto:admin@HaltonSendPCF.org.uk) or visit [their Facebook page](#) or website: [haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk](http://haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk) to access the Zoom information.

- Masking in Autism with Michelle Downes  
– **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm**
- Autism and eating difficulties  
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm**

## **Urgent safety alert for baby self-feeding pillows**

**CONSUMER SAFETY ALERT**

**Baby Self-Feeding Pillows**

**Risk of serious harm or death**



**Baby self-feeding pillow products are designed to be attached to a bottle so that the baby may be positioned on its back to self-feed without the assistance of a caregiver holding the bottle and controlling the feed. This is inconsistent with NHS guidance in relation to safe bottle feeding. When used as intended, even whilst under the supervision of a caregiver, it could lead to immediate, serious harm or death from choking or aspiration pneumonia.**

**Consumers should immediately stop using these products and dispose of them safely.**

**Businesses must immediately remove these products from the market as they cannot comply with the safety requirements under the General Product Safety Regulations 2005.**



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[The Office for Product Safety and Standards](#) has issued a consumer safety alert for baby self-feeding pillows – consumers should immediately stop using these products and dispose of them safely

This newsletter provides general information and resources, though not all of it will be relevant to everyone included in the mailing list. If there is some specific information you would like to see more of, or information from a certain service please let me know and I will try to include next time. If you do not wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please let me know.

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