

SPRINGBOARD NEWS

Supporting children with additional needs aged 0-5 and their families in North Somerset

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Dates for your diary:

Fri 19 Dec—last day
Term 2

Mon 5 Jan—CLOSED
STAFF INSET DAY

Tues 6 Jan- Term 3
start

Fri 13 Feb—last day
Term 3

Weds 18 Feb—Holiday
Stay & Play Weston

Thurs 19 Feb—Holiday
Stay & Play Clevedon

Mon 23 Feb—Term 4
start

Thurs 5-26 March
(incl)—Parent
Workshops Weston &
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Thurs 2 April—last day
Term 4

Fri 3 April—CLOSED
STAFF INSET DAY

Mon 20 April—Term 5
start

Thurs 30 April-21 May
(incl)- Parent
Workshops Clevedon

Fri 22 May—last day
Term 5

BUILDING WORK ALL DONE

It was great to start the new term in September knowing that all of the recent years of building work were behind us, as this time last year the Clevedon extension work had just started and we were getting used . Now we can enjoy having the whole building back to normal and our new facilities in full use. If you haven't seen the small resources/meeting room that we have added, then please ask to see it. The *Grace Room* is available for hire, particularly to any parent support groups that may be looking for a venue in the Clevedon area. If you are interested please speak to Yvonne. The garden at Clevedon has also had some attention over the summer with new planting, a wooden pergola and some resurfacing was also carried out. The Starfish Trust and several parents donated funds for the outdoor play improvements and we thank them all for their support. You may have also noticed the small extension which is on the far end of the playroom...? This is so that our increasing number of large equipment can be stored more effectively and easily accessed from the playroom. It also has an ground level store for all the

large outdoor equipment. The playroom extension was kindly funded by the Wooden Spoon Society and we will be having an official opening event later in the year.

At Weston we have also had some work carried out in the garden. There is a hill, steps and a slide; some seating; lots of planting and a pergola. Most of this work was funded by Quartet's Express Fund and a few donations. We are very grateful for the support.

Both of the gardens are looking good and the children and enjoying full use in all weathers. We have also have plans for sun shades at Clevedon and Weston as we have been given some funding for this as well. We will be putting these up in the Spring. Thank you to everyone who has helped us with these projects and for the commitment from staff to see it all through. No more building work for Springboard.....!



'My Learning Diary'
Parents/carers—you
are welcome to look
at your child's

*Learning Diary at any time
and add your own comments*

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Weston: Ashcombe Children's Centre, Stepping Stone Walk, Wsm BS23 3JW 01934 426165 wsm@springboardweb.org.uk

SPRINGBOARD PARENT PARTNERSHIP WEEK 17-21 NOV

This week is about valuing the partnership we have with parents and carers and making sure that we get feedback about what you think of Springboard. Although we welcome your comments, ideas and suggestions at any time, this is a way of us gathering information easily and using it to feedback to our supporters and funders. We also want to make sure that we are giving you the support you need. So please look out for our posters and post-its and for any special events during the week including:



Clevedon — 'Messy Play' on Weds 19th morning and Fri 21 morning

Weston - Music on Mon 17 afternoon, Sensory Tues 18 afternoon and Communication Fri 21 Nov afternoon

South Weston — Tuesdays 18 November



Coffee Morning /Drop-in *Clevedon* — Fri 21 Nov

Other information for parents:

Downs Syndrome Association Coffee Morning — this parent led support group meet on the **LAST TUESDAY** of every month at The Firs Resource Centre (next to Drove Road Centre) in WSM 9.30—12. Everyone will get a warm welcome from Becky (01934 833762) or Annabel (01934 832077).

Springboard South Weston group—will be going to the woods or Sand Bay on Tues 9 December, more details nearer the date.



Appropriate clothing— Springboard we like to use the outdoor play areas as much as possible, whatever the weather. So please help us by ensuring that your child is wearing warm and waterproof clothing.

Shoes— we are still looking into the difficult issue of the wearing of outdoor shoes in the playrooms and will be discussing this with all staff and our advisers.

Makaton Workshops- list of dates of various courses are available. Please ask for a copy or see the notice-boards.

Staff news:

Jacky Turpin took over as Playleader for the over 3's at Weston following Claire's departure in July. Claire is now working at a school for children with hearing impairments in the Edinburgh area. A new Support Assistant will shortly be appointed to work in the Weston playroom to replace Caroline who was doing bank cover, and who is now working at Ashcombe nursery. Clevedon now has a maintenance worker, Chris Jennings, who is working for a few hours a week to help us keep the buildings and garden in ship shape. We also have a one day per week Finance Officer, Tina Ferris, (an ex-Springboard parent) who is based at Clevedon.