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If you have been passed this Calendar and want to be added to our emailing list, please contact Emma Kemball-Cook as above.

## Calendar for Spring Term 2015

*Please note that as we do not have crèche facilities, the workshops and evening events are not suitable for children*



### Enfield NAS Workshops

**Workshop: But why am I different? - Talking to your child about their diagnosis**

**Saturday 7th March 2015: 10.00am – 1.00pm**

One of the workshops developed by Enfield Speech and Language Therapist Helen Blatchford Cook, it is for parents/carers of children of any age, but will be most relevant for children who have some verbal language. This workshop will consider the pros and cons of telling your child about their diagnosis and look at ways of doing this. We will also think about the best time to begin these discussions and how to manage difficult questions that may arise.

**Workshop: Choosing a secondary school - Help and advice to help you find the best school for your child**

**Saturday 14th March 2015: 10am – 1.00pm**

This workshop is for parents/carers of children due to start secondary school in the next few years (all welcome, but most relevant for parents/carers of children in years 4-6). The workshop will cover the transition process, thinking about the type of secondary school that might suit your child, questions to ask schools, tips on visiting schools and the provision available locally.

Both of the workshops above will be held at **Cedar House, Gater Drive, Chase Side Crescent, Enfield EN2 0JA**. For each workshop we are asking for a recommended donation of £5/person attending. **Call Sophie on 07903 420016 or email her at [sophie@enfieldnas.org.uk](mailto:sophie@enfieldnas.org.uk) for more information regarding booking places.**

### Gateway Seekers Swimming Club

Swimming continues every two weeks on Sundays from 2pm – 4pm for a fun swim session, open to all people with learning disabilities (including autism) for adults and children plus members of their family. A fee of £1.00 per person is collected at poolside. Albany Pool, 505 Hertford Road, Enfield EN3 5XH. For more details please call **Anne and Roger Plowman on 020 8360 9453**

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Florence Hayes Adventure Playground

**34 Fore Street, Edmonton N18 2SS**

After Easter we will be running our very popular autism-friendly play sessions again and dates will be confirmed soon. The sessions will run from 10am to 1pm, rain or shine. We ask for a donation of £2 per child per session to cover some of our costs. **For more information call Anna on: 020 8360 7384**

### Enfield NAS Branch Meetings

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March: 8.00pm onwards**

**“The New Special Educational Needs Law – what you need to know”**. We will be joined by Liesel Batterham, Education Rights Service Coordinator as our speaker. She will provide an overview of the new SEN system and lots of useful resources for parents and tips on how the new system can best support your child. There will be a focus on the particular difficulties faced by children on the autism spectrum and the struggles that parents sometimes have in securing appropriate education. Liesel has 20 years’ experience in the field of SEN, having worked for 10 years for a local education authority managing a SEN team, before joining the NAS in 2005.

The venue for our meeting is the wonderful Baskervilles Tea Shop on Alderman’s Hill in Palmers Green. They will be serving hot drinks and cake for us at the start of the evening. No need to book, just come along.

**Baskervilles Tea Shop, 66 Alderman’s Hill, Palmers Green, N13 4PP. For more information, please call Sophie on 07903 420016 or email her at [sophie@enfieldnas.org.uk](mailto:sophie@enfieldnas.org.uk)**

### Enfield NAS Getting Together – Coffee Mornings

**Galliard Primary School (Tuesdays 9.00 to 11.00 during term time):** weekly coffee morning hosted by Sian Warner. A staffed crèche is available for pre-school children while their parent/carer attends the meeting.

**Galliard Children's Centre, Galliard Primary School, Galliard Road, Edmonton, London, N9 7PE. For more information call Joyce on 020 8443 0092.**

**Edmonton County School (every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 10.00 to 12.00 during term time):** fortnightly coffee mornings hosted by Carol Riley.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

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**Cambridge Campus, Great Cambridge Road, EN1 1HQ. For further information please contact: Carol Riley – Family Support Coordinator on 07891 271614**