

Parent Newsletter



May 2023



Castle Hill School

Our 1st newsletter!

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**The date of the next Parent Group is:-
25th May 2023
9.30am**

Welcome to our new parent/carer newsletter. We all know that navigating the special educational scene can be challenging. Helping each other can really make a real difference, because friends and extended family don't always know or fully understand how day-to-day life can be with a child with complex special needs.

As a group of parents, we would like to produce a regular newsletter where we can all share our knowledge and experience – providing information about upcoming events, and giving details of charities and other organisations that can offer help

We welcome as much feedback as possible, so please contact us with anything you feel could benefit the children or parents/carers of Castle Hill. We look forward to hearing from you!

You can contact

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Upcoming Events

SHABANG'S
BOLLYWOOD
HOLLYWOOD
DANCE OFF!

an afternoon of fun dance workshops with Salma & Chloe choose a style and learn a dance - all ages & abilities for more details and to book - get in touch - places are limited! The event is FREE - but donations always welcome.

SUNDAY MAY 28TH 3PM - 4.30PM
email: info@shabang.org.uk
OLD PROVIDENCE CHAPEL HD7 5LA

Parent To Parent SEND
Evening focus

WEDNESDAY MAY 3RD
Skelmanthorpe Community Centre
HD9 9DH
6.30-8PM

COME & JOIN US FOR AN INFORMAL EVENING.
Chat about the joys and struggles of parenting a child with SEND, share experiences, advice, connections and What next?

GUESTS FROM
KIRKLEES SEND
PCAN
NORTHORPE HALL
RH10 4PAT
PLUS OTHERS

Hosted by Kirklees Bridge Community Hub

Shabang! & PCAN invite you to...
"Drawing Breath"

FREE!
(but booking essential)

A friendly creative session for parents and carers of children with additional needs.
Arts, crafts, wellbeing...but mostly **FUN!**

5 Tuesdays from April 25th
10.30am - 12.30pm
Get in touch! info@shabang.org.uk
01484 308260

Old Providence Chapel
Hollins Row
Slaithwaite
HD7 5LA
(easy bus route from Huddersfield)

USEFUL INFORMATION**FACEBOOK**

On Facebook there is a group called 'Castle Hill Parent Group' a group for only parents/carers to give information to parents from school and other parents, sell/give away equipment. Once found you just need to click join and wait to be accepted.

KIRKLEES SEND LOCAL OFFER

www.kirkleeslocaloffer.org.uk

This is a local site aimed at parents/carers and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in Kirklees. The site helps find information, support and local events.

PCAN

www.pcankirklees.org

PCAN is an independent, parent led forum for all parents and carers of children/young people (aged 0-25 years) with additional needs in Kirklees. PCAN welcomes any parent or carer, whether they are just becoming aware that their child may have additional needs or whether they have a child with a confirmed diagnosis.

MAX CARDS

info@pcankirklees.org to apply for a max card (small charge applies). For a small fee you can apply for a max card that gives you special offers at attractions across the UK, for example Eureka have an offer on at the moment of 1 adult free entry and 1 child under the age of 11 free when max card presented. To look at Max card site go to Mymaxcard.co.uk where there is a list of venues/attractions and their current offers (these change frequently with new attractions added all the time).

CAREFREE

<https://carefreespace.org> Carefree provides vital breaks for unpaid carers at a cost of £25 to cover admin fees, to book you just need to register on the site above. Recently a parent stayed in a lovely hotel in Leeds (lots of other locations available) which included a delicious breakfast. You do need to arrange your own respite for the child.

SHABANG

Shabang inclusive learning is a child and young person-centered organization where the needs of participants with additional needs are paramount to our provision. A place, both real and virtual, where participants feel valued, included and supported. A place of empathy, understanding and love where participants can explore and develop their potential whatever their abilities. A place where participants are not disabled by the physical environment or preconceptions of ability

FULFIL THE WISH

Fulfilthewish.org

Fulfil the Wish offers fun, friendship and companionship through bespoke group holidays, days out and fun adventures for all the family.

They provide families with the opportunity to enjoy experiences together, to set aside the pressure of caring for special needs child and enjoy quality family time together where disability is not a barrier to participation, fun or friendship. Some recent days out included Sailing at Windermere and learning circus skills

SAFE PLACE TRAVEL BED



Thick material with double welded seams and double stitched zips
Easy-to-clean floor made of comfortable felted plastic
Zipper locks for added security if required



www.safeplacebedseu.com

Safe place beds are portable, inflatable safety beds for children with additional needs.

Lightweight, compact and easy to set up, Safe Place Beds can be used for a night away or much longer. Get peace of mind that your child can have a safe sleeping environment anywhere they go.

They can be used on top of a mattress or can have a camping inflatable mattress inside or even the ikea soft play mats, go up in minutes with an inflatable pump. They are currently £285 and £15 postage and packaging. If you want anymore information you can contact Lucy Todd on safeplacebedseu@gmail.com

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All welcome, this is a chance to meet other parents/carers in school, enjoy refreshments and a chat.

Don't forget you can help raise funds for Castle Hill School whenever you shop online!

Use easyfundraising to shop with over 3,500 big name retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, and Booking.com – and when you shop, you'll raise a free donation for us every time. It's that easy!

Help support us: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/castlehillhuddersfield/>

Another way to help raise money is to use [CASTLE HILL SCHOOL \(investmycommunity.com\)](https://www.investmycommunity.com)



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