



## NEWSLETTER September 2017

**WELCOME TO THE DEVIZES & DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY CENTRE FOR ALL OUR  
NEW AND EXISTING MEMBERS**

### **PARENTS CORNER**



Welcome back to all our families and we hope that you have all had an amazing summer holiday!  
We would also like to welcome our new starters to the Centre and so far they have all settled into their sessions really well!

**Please can parents ensure that they sign the child register in the foyer at drop off and collection times!**

This is really important and ensures that our records are correct!

Over the summer we recruited a new member of staff to join our amazing team!  
Lucy Self is an experienced Level 3 Early years practitioner and is also a parent of a child who used to attend our Centre.

The applications for primary school places is now upon us.  
If your child is due to start school in September 2018, you need to complete a school placement application.

You can do this online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Applications must be received by January 18th 2018**

Even if your child is or will be undergoing the EHC process, you must still apply for a mainstream school place!

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions or are unsure of what you need to do

### **Important information for children who receive DLA**

The Government are introducing a new payment for Early Years settings to further support children with additional needs and who claim DLA. This payment of £615 is for the setting to provide resources or support to a child.

**If the child attends two settings, only ONE setting can receive this payment!**

This crucial funding can go towards supporting our service. As many of you are aware we have to fundraise over £75,000 a year just to keep running.

We would be really grateful if parents would nominate the Centre for this funding.  
Details are available on the back of the funding forms we are getting you to currently sign for your free entitlement hours.

#### **Dates for your diary**

**END OF TERM**  
Weds 18th October

**Quiz night at The Vaults**  
3rd Oct 7pm  
£2.50 a person



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#### **FUNDRAISING**

With thanks to the following organisations for their support and fundraising efforts

**Emporium  
Lions & Rotary club  
Sainsburys**



#### **Additional information**

For information on SEND services for you and your child  
[www.wiltshirelocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.wiltshirelocaloffer.org.uk)

[www.devizesopportunitycentre.co.uk](http://www.devizesopportunitycentre.co.uk)



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