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What's On

Farming World

29th July – 2nd August

– Superheroes Week –

Superheroes will be swooping in 1pm to 4pm. There will hopefully be guest appearances from **Mr & Mrs Incredible** and **Superman**. Children dressed as their favourite Superhero will gain free entry.*

31st July, 7th, 21st, 28th Aug
Creepy Crawly Day
The farm's friendly farm animals will be joined by a wide variety of spiders and reptiles. A great opportunity to conquer your spider phobias or learn more about some amazing reptiles, including; lizards and snakes.

2nd August

'Have a Go' Falconry Day –

Hawklands Birds of Prey Centre Falcons, hawks, owls and vultures to name but a few! Resident falconer Sharon Hollens and her team have a wealth of knowledge and experience related to these amazing birds. Visit the farm and the **Hawking Centre**, learn more about these beautiful birds.

8th August (pm)

Teddy Bear's Picnic and fun

with **Mrs Back 2 Front** – A firm favourite with visitors to the farm! Goldilocks and her very cheeky three bears will arrive at the farm on the **8th August** at 12pm.

12th – 18th Aug

Cirque Normandie Circus –

Wow! The circus really comes to town **12th and**

18th August. Children may

take part in two fantastic free workshops starting at 10.30am and 2pm each day and will last for 40 minutes. Juggle, plate spin, use diablos and flower sticks. Two big top circus performances. Children who have taken part in the previous circus workshop may demonstrate their new found skills in the circus performance alongside the professionals! Each circus show will also last for 40 minutes, with shows starting at 12.30 and 4pm daily. The shows are sure to be full of plenty of fun and entertainment. Each show will include a variety of traditional circus acts, including; jugglers, acrobats, aerialists and clowns. Pre booking is advised for each performance. Tickets can be booked in advance from **Farming World**.**

22nd August

999 Emergency Services Day –

Parents who work for the emergency services will receive half price entry to the farm on this day and there will be free entry for children dressed as a fireman, policeman or doctor/nurse.* You may also be lucky enough to see a police car, fire engine or ambulance!

23rd August (pm)

Fun with Mrs Back 2 Front –

Entertaining children and adults alike with her unique blend of games, fun and magic. Be prepared for plenty of audience participation!

24th – 26th August

Harvest & Threshing Weekend

Working vintage machinery, modern farm vehicles and heavy horses will grace the farm's landscape.

29th August

Beeline Circus

The circus comes to the farm and will offer circus workshops throughout the day. Come and join in the fun and learn to juggle, plate spin or use diablos – you may just discover a new hidden talent!

30th August

Jane Danley Art Workshop –

Create a farm themed masterpiece. Create a fantastic memento of your day on the farm to take home. Walk round the farm and meet the friendly farm animals, rare breeds and the farm's babies; including piglets, lambs and calves. Then let off steam in the two enormous adventure playgrounds and have fun bouncing on the large inflatable pillows.

For further details of **Farming World** and its special events

www.farming-world.co.uk
01227 751144

Farming World is open seven days a week, 9.30am to 5.30pm until the end of the season on 3rd November, and is just off Junction 7 of the M2. Normal admission prices are £6.50 adults, £5.50 for children aged 3 - 15 years, concessions £5.50.

Sorry, guide dogs only. * One free child per every full paying adult. ** There will be a small extra charge for the circus performance.

Murray Manis Boosts Tennis Breaks at La Manga Club

Andy Murray's historic win at Wimbledon has seen fans of the game flock to pick up a racquet with tennis break business booming at Spain's five-star **La Manga Club** since his victory this month. The award-winning resort has reported a surge in bookings from tennis lovers eager to extend the summer season after watching Murray become Britain's first men's singles champion for 77 years by beating world number **Novak**

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Djokovic. Murray and British ladies' number one **Laura Robson** are among the growing list of world stars to have used **La Manga Club** five-star facilities on their way to tennis stardom, while the **Lawn Tennis Association (LTA)** is using the venue as its overseas training base until 2016. Players of all ages and standards can brush up on all aspects of their game at the venue's magnificent 28-



South African number one Kevin Anderson

court tennis academy over the coming months – with accommodation and daily court hire or tuition on offer from just €94 per night for a four-night stay.

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Prices for the 'Best Tennis and More' packages are based on two people sharing a twin or double room and tennis lessons must be booked in advance.

And anyone who would prefer to take a break from tennis for a day has the option to exchange a session for a variety of other activities including a round of golf on one of **La Manga Club's** three championship courses, a 30-minute spa treatment or dinner in one of the resort's many restaurants.

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- Teddy Bear's Picnic,
- Harvest Weekend,
- 999 Emergency Services Day,

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Tips for travelling with tots this summer

1. Get creative - Holidays abroad could be a bit of a culture shock, so try some holiday themed activities before you go. Get your children to look at books, draw pictures and find the destination on a globe. Even try cooking some of the local cuisine to get taste buds ready.

2. That's my bag - Help your child pack their very own bag full of toys to keep them entertained on the plane and beyond. Make sure it includes games for the beach and inflatables for the pool.

3. First aid - Put together a medicalkit of health essentials to ease any heat related maladies, as you may not be able to track them down when abroad. Includes sunscreen.

4. Check up - You may or may not need to visit the doctor yourself for a course of inoculations and it is best to check what jabs your children may need before you jet off.

5. Layering - Pack wisely for the heat. Natural fibres are best as they will not irritate sensitive skin. Layering is the best way to deal with changeable temperatures. Hats are a must best with a neck flap and a wide brim. Also sunglasses.

6. Shelter - Invest in an easy to put up tent style shelter for the beach. These double up as a

shelter from the sun and a wind break. An enticing way to get children to come into shade.

7. Cool activities - Plan activities away from the blazing heat of the beach or poolside such as an amble around the shops, perhaps in search of some traditional, local toys to take back, or lunch at a shady cafe with canopies.

8. Water, water, water - Make sure your child keeps hydrated. It can be difficult to get children to drink water so try different things like squash and even ice lollies.

9. Dip - Take a dip in the sea or pool with your child to cool down or even take a small paddling pool with you, set up next to sunbathing.

10. Relax - Finally, just remember to take it easy. There is nothing worse for raising the temperature of parents and children alike than trying to schedule in too many activities.
www.A1travel.com



Epsom Downs Racecourse has an action packed afternoon of racing and entertainment for the young and old alike on **Family Fun Day, Monday, 26th August**. Entertainment includes pony rides, a petting zoo, bouncy

castle, children's funfair with horse carousel, face painting, hot shoeing demonstrations, trade stands, and more!

Children's running races will also take place on the day with races for under 5's, 7's and 9's.

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Lots of old fashioned fun for FREE!

Come to the **Rural Life Centre**, Tilford, Farnham during the summer holidays for lots of old fashioned fun. On **Sunday August 18th** there is a special day for children when everyone can experience the atmosphere of a fete and Sunday School Treat of old.

August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th, families have another chance to enjoy "Activity Thursdays", then there will be lots to do too. Children can have a go at washing like their great grannies did, watch

woodturning or have a go with the pole lathe. Sometimes they can get messy with clay, make a corn dolly or try their hand at jobs around the farm. Best of all, for the very young, the museum's dolls house will be open for you to go inside.

Whenever you visit, once you have paid to come in, everything is **FREE**. So why not stay all day and keep the whole family busy as they go round this attractive, peaceful 10 acre site? Bring a picnic, or buy some lunch

What's On

Summer holiday essentials from LittleLife...

LittleLife's fun and practical accessories ensure travelling with your child is easy. Travelling with young children can be a stressful experience



but *LittleLife* has come to your rescue this summer with a range of practical accessories designed to make life on the move easier. From child-sized cases that offer your young explorer a sense of independence, to lightweight and compact accessories that help scale down your luggage when heading overseas, *LittleLife's* extensive range has everything you need to make the most of your family's little adventures.

Animal Wheelie Duffie

Make packing for your trip fun with an adorable *Animal Wheelie Duffie*. Available in five eye-catching, animal designs including a Ladybird, Turtle, Clownfish, Dinosaur and a Bee, all of the duffies coordinate perfectly with *LittleLife's* popular *Animal Toddler Daysacks*. Packing is easy thanks to the clever 'stay-put' lid and the duffie's spacious, 20L compartment has plenty of room for your child's holiday essentials. Made from a hardwearing nylon fabric, the *Animal Wheelie Duffie* has a robust construction with smooth-running wheels and a child-sized telescopic handle that is perfect for little hands. Ideal for longer holidays or weekends away, the *Animal Wheelie Duffies* meet most airlines' hand-luggage requirements for even greater convenience.

www.littlelife.co.uk

Review

Children's suitcase is more than just somewhere to pack the kid's holiday essentials. It looks great so the kid's love it from the start and will enjoy pulling it along themselves. The suitcase is lightweight and durable and that's what you need when traveling with children. Plus the fun characters and colors bring admiring comments from other travelers.

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Enjoy Pet-Friendly Holidays With Luxury Self-Catering Specialists, Natural Retreats

Ever felt uncomfortable about checking the dog into kennels? Or felt the guilt worsened by the kids' faces as they learn that Monty won't be joining them on the family holiday? *Natural Retreats* understand that a family holiday at any one of their UK residences is not the same unless you are surrounded by the whole family, so pets are more than welcome at no extra charge (subject to availability). What's more, at a selection of *Natural Retreats'* pet-friendly locations, guests can purchase special doggy hampers, so your pooch can feel as taken care of as you on holiday! These gorgeous hampers include items such as dog bowls, chew treats, tennis ball and launcher, pedigree gravy biscuits, a Frisbee, squeaky toy, dog blanket, dog towel and a dog feeding mat.

With all *Natural Retreats* locations guests are spoiled with breathtaking views, striking scenery and extensive open space for long walks. From beautiful countryside walks in the Yorkshire Dales to paddling in the sea on the Cornish coast, at the end of an exciting day outdoors, the whole family can relax together in their stunning home-from-home.

Guests can book doggy hampers online when they book a stay and *Natural Retreats'* specialist Concierge team can help with all aspects of the getaway – from suggesting pet-friendly beaches to special requirements ahead of the holiday.

Hamper prices range depending on the site and length of a stay. *Natural Retreats* Yorkshire Dales even offers a Puppy Hamper for smaller paws for £25.

Why not take advantage of *Natural Retreats'* fantastic summer offers:

Natural Retreats are offering 10 nights in a 4 bedroom residence in Trewiddle for £2161, with a discount of £175, when staying 22 August 2013 for 10 nights. The residence sleeps up to 7 people and has 2 en-suites upstairs, 2 downstairs bedrooms and a shower room. Price includes accommodation, fresh linen, towels, toiletries and a welcome hamper. *Offer can be withdrawn at any time.*

www.naturalretreats.co.uk



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www.heaven-nutfield.com

Smiley Faces music group for babies & toddlers for up to 2yrs & 2-4yrs, there is also a playroom for under 5's, a café & a crèche.
Every Sat
The River & Rowing Museum Mills Meadows Henley on Thames
01491 415600
Until 2 Sept
HMS Warrior at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
023 9272 7582
 Summer activities where young explorers can learn history in fun ways with

costumed interpreters, games, dressing up, craft & adventure trails plus indoor attractions to cater for the ever changing weather.
6 Aug At the Captain's Table with dressing up & lots more, all ages, accompanying adults **FREE**. **6-7,12-13,27-28 Aug** Victorian Interactive Storytelling. **6-8,13-15,20-22,27-29 Aug** Oh I do Like to be Beside the Seaside put on a punch & judy show, play with Victorian style toys & board games. **24-25 Aug** Victorious music

event with 5 stages of live music, and indoor big top & a boutique market, plus an appearance from Peppa Pig in the Kids Arena.
3 Aug
Royal Naval Museum
02392 737562
Family Fun Day inspired by Peter Pan find out if you've got what it takes to become a Lost Boy or Girl plus treasure hunt in Navy Neverland. **7 Aug** Hats Off, make a Naval hat & practice your salute, **FREE** drop in all ages. **14 Aug** A,B Seas make your own flags &

poms poms to take home **FREE**, drop in all ages. **21 Aug** Edible Medals design decorate & then eat medal, **FREE** drop in, all ages.
13,20 Aug
Mary Rose Museum
 Portsmouth
02392 728060
 Find out what it is like for Henry VIII try out some war games & plan your attack Tudor style plus build your own sailing ship for battle & sample life at a Tudor Top Table. **Every Fri until 30 Aug** Friday fun with Tudor games & lots more, **FREE**.

23-26 Aug
Legoland Windsor
01753 621621
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Weekend families ninja training, hunt for Turtles treasure, watch skateboard demos & take part in the build of four giant Lego mosaics of the heroes in a half shell plus all usual attractions.
24-25 Aug **HMS Warrior** Portsmouth 02392 728060 Knotty Problems learn about rope making & knot tying, **FREE** with a valid ticket, all ages.

Out & About

Kids Go Racing For FREE!



There aren't many places that you can take the kids for free in the school holidays but horseracing is a great exception with under 16s getting in free at courses across the country. And, as well as spectacular horse racing, the chance to get some fresh air and see the equine

stars strut their stuff, the budding young jockeys in your family will also be able to find out more about the Sport of Kings at the new *Kids love the Races' Roadshow*. From weighing in and seeing how they measure up to some of the sport's most famous faces, to

designing their own racing silks, kids will also be able to take a look at some specialist racing equipment and have fun learning about one of the country's most popular spectator sports. There's also the chance to learn more about some of racing's most famous equine stars including *Frankel*

and *Kauto Star*, and find out what these half ton animals eat to keep them in tip top condition. And the fun and games don't stop there as most courses provide free bouncy castles and face painting as well as junior racebooks so children can learn about the runners and

riders participating on the day. There are over 200 racing fixtures taking place during the summer holidays where kids go free. To find out about what's happening in your area, and the dates of the *Kids love the Races Roadshow* www.lovethehorses.com/kids-go-free

Kids go free at each of Great Britain's 58 racecourses all year, so there's sure to be some great, free sporting action for all the family near you: www.lovethehorses.com/kids-go-free



Education Back to School

Back to school!

Get ready for the new school year with **LittleLife's** latest range of practical daysacks.

They are packed full of practical features and available in a whole range of colourful designs..

Adventurer Daysacks

Available in two eye-catching designs including a pretty flowery pattern and a bold camo-style print, they are perfect for adding a touch of fun to the school day. With plenty of space for your child's school essentials, each bag has a spacious 6 litre main compartment with a secure zipped closure. Two mesh pockets on each side of the bag are ideal for storing drinks or snacks so that they are close to hand at break time. Designed to fit comfortably and securely, the *Adventurer Daysacks* have fully adjustable, soft padded shoulder straps and a secure

chest strap, ensuring the bag won't slip from little shoulders.

Runabout Daysacks

Suitable for children aged from 1-4 years old, they are available in four vibrant colours and have reflective piping to help increase your child's visibility on dark or rainy winter evenings. With room for a snack, wipes or an extra layer, the daysacks offer young explorers an important sense of independence. A newly designed ergo-fit harness combines comfortable, padded shoulder straps and an easy to adjust waist strap harness that ensures the bag fits securely. A detachable parent's safety rein provides crucial control and peace of mind in busy areas.

For more information about **LittleLife's** range of daysacks, visit

www.littlelife.co.uk



New from Denman – The Bumble Bee Brush

Children can be such busy bees and taming their tangles can be a trial. The **NEW Bumble Bee Brush** from **Denman** has perfectly formed soft bristles that are innovatively clustered in two tangle teasing lengths to gently separate the hair. Knots and tangles are smoothed away. There is no catching or dragging with these bristles and their micro fine surface glides through the hair. The super slim handle is easy to hold for even the smallest of grips plus the lightweight build and shallow air-cushioned bristle pad add extra comfort during brushing. The **Denman D90 Bumble Bee Tangle Tamer** £6.99, www.denmanbrush.com 0800 262509

for stockists.

Reviewer Josefine aged 11yrs.

Good: Gets rid of most knots easily without hurting or pulling your hair out; Great for thick hair; Nice image at the back of brush; Nice size, it's not too big to handle or too small; Suitable for young children

Bad: no bad!



A Personalised Leather Satchel and Lunchbox

Beautifully crafted from quality leather, **ClaireaBella's** Leather Satchels are personalised using the unique online **BuildaBella App**. Offered in hot pink, purple, baby blue, tan, black, cream and teal green there really is a **ClaireaBella Leather Satchel** to suit everyone! Create your very own – a **Bella** character, add your chosen name, initials or personal text to your **Leather Satchel** and be bang on personalised trend today! An absolute favourite among top celebrities such as Michelle Keegan and Kelly Brook, **ClaireaBella** is the brand taking the personalisation market by storm, not least with their brand **NEW**



personalised lunchboxes. Founded by Entrepreneur and Mum of five **Claire Barratt**, **ClaireaBella** offers a whole host of exclusive personalised paraphernalia; classic juice bags, cotton tote bags, hoodies, t-shirts, pyjamas, phone cases, diaries, notepads, candles and chocolate bars exclusively from www.toxicfox.co.uk/claireabella The **ClaireaBella Leather Satchel** exclusively from www.toxicfox.co.uk/claireabella

Vtriker Elite 3-Wheel scooter

We all know an active child is a happy child, so let your kids enjoy hours of fun whilst keeping healthily active with the new **Vtriker Elite 3-Wheel scooter** from **UKayed**.

With four great colours to choose from – black, blue, green, pink – and a modern design, all at a great value £69.99 RRP, this exciting scooter launch will stir up the playground buzz with big kids. There's no pushing or touching the floor! Simply place one foot on each side, then the unique V-shape design enables you to move your legs in and out while stationary on the platform. Now you're off, resulting in a thrilling pedal and battery free ride. There are different riding styles to hone your tricks and skills. Move your feet in and out to increase your speed with the Scissor; twist your body one way and push your opposite foot out with Skating; move your body and feet to one side as you steer the other way in the Slalom.

Its solid construction and unique motion makes the **Vtriker Elite** ideal for 7 to 14 year olds to zoom round the park and race their mates. Watch out though – it's great fun for all ages and offers a full body workout, so parents may not resist a sneaky turn! Other practical features will help establish the **Vtriker Elite** as the next must-have in toys: the safety grip handles, non-slip footplates and dual braking system minimise the risk of accidents and it's easy to carry around.



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August 2013 myBunjee

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Reviewer Josefine aged 11yrs.

Good: Don't have to worry about your phone falling out of your pocket; Fits all phones; Trendy

Bad: Might not be suitable for shorter users, due to the length of the bungee string still touching the floor.

The **Vtriker Elite** from www.vtriker.com

Reviewer Josefine aged 11yrs.

Good: Fun; Get a lot of exercise; Different ways to travel with scooter; Sustainable travel; It has brakes which make it safer to use.

Bad: Instructions are vague; Hard to build; Difficult to learn how to use

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Education Back to School

Stock the Medicine Cabinet before the School Bell Rings

Whilst it's nice for parents to have their children back at school after the summer holidays, September also fills some parents with dread due to their children's "sickness surge" as we approach the winter months. After just a few weeks into the school term the nurse's office will be packed with coughing children and classrooms full of runny noses.

Hand washing
Sultan Dajani, a registered pharmacist with over 20 years experience and Board member of the *Royal Pharmaceutical Society* says, "This is such a basic but important concept that should be drilled into children from a young age - always wash your hands before you eat something. Make the occasion fun by teaching your kids a nursery rhyme to sing whilst they wash."

Chickenpox



The infection is spread quickly and easily through the coughs and sneezes of someone who is infected. It causes a rash of red, itchy spots that turn into clear fluid-

filled blisters. These crust over to form scabs which eventually drop off. Some children only have a few spots but in others they can cover the entire body. The spots are very itchy so use **Care ViraSoothe Chickenpox Relief Cooling Gel** or **Care ViraSoothe Chickenpox Relief Cooling Spray Gel**, a breakthrough treatment that is clinically proven to help relieve the irritating symptoms of chickenpox.

Effectively cooling the skin, it helps stop the itch-scratch infection cycle. Its special formula protects the skin's natural environment to allow the infected area to heal naturally and help to reduce long-term scarring.

Sultan Dajani comments: "**Care ViraSoothe** is the only clinically proven gel for relieving chickenpox symptoms such as skin irritation, by cooling and relieving itching thus helping ease the child's misery. It should be applied 2-3 times a day or as required."

GP Dr Sarah Jarvis adds "If your little one has chickenpox remember to call their school or nursery to let them know. It's also wise to avoid visiting people in hospital and be mindful around the elderly or pregnant women."

Care ViraSoothe Chickenpox Relief Cooling Gel costs £5.73

for 50g and £8.33 for 75g and is available from independent pharmacies, *Boots*, *Tesco*, *Sainsbury's*, *Co-Op pharmacy*, *Lloyds*, *Rowlands*, *Asda pharmacy* and *Superdrug*.
Care ViraSoothe Chickenpox Relief Cooling Spray Gel costs £8.49 for 60ml and is available from independent pharmacies, *Boots*, *Lloyds* and *Tesco pharmacy*.

Coughs and colds
 Coughs and colds are widespread amongst school children, but if you prepare in advance by stocking up on various medicines you can prevent these minor illnesses from affecting your child's attendance record.

Dr Sarah Jarvis comments: "Colds are caused by around 200 different viruses which infect the head and chest and make you feel miserable for up to 10 days. They cannot be cured by antibiotics but with a little TLC, you can support your child's body as it fights the virus and help by providing relief from the symptoms." Soothe an inflamed throat and relieve dry, irritating coughs with **Care Simple Linctus Paediatric**. It works instantly by forming a comforting film over your child's sore throat and can be used for children from 1 year old.

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Ongoing Royal Mews Buckingham Palace 020 7766 7302 Family groups explore a range of self directed activities from the art trolley, 5-11yrs.

Ongoing Royal Academy of Arts 020 7300 8000 www.royalacademy.org.uk New policy all children under 12yrs of age will have FREE entry to all exhibitions.

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Until 1 Aug The Royal Observatory Greenwich 020 8858 4422 Alien Revolution a new exhibition. 15 Aug Sci-Fi Movie Night, This Island Earth, 11+yrs. 31 Aug Saturday Space Explorers family event where families can make simple cardboard instruments, including planet finders & moon dials, 5+yrs, FREE. Throughout Aug Daytime Sky Watch Venus, 7+yrs. Throughout Summer Solar System, Galaxy, Universe show, 5+yrs. Every Weekend Space Safari, under 7's.

Until 3 Au, 13-17-27-31 Aug London Transport Museum 39 Wallington Street Covent Garden 020 7379 6344 Tackling Tunnels hear tales of young William, as he works on the first ever underground railway tunnels in the world, families 3-7yrs & then get messy dig into or build into the sandpit & see who can dig the biggest strongest tunnel, families 4-12yrs. 4,5,11,12,18,19,25,26 Aug Steamy Science become a horse & drag a bus over the bumpy cobblestones, see how far the power of steam can fire a doll & discover the joys of electricity, families 6-12yrs. 6-10,20-24 Aug Make & take craft workshop, families, 4-12yrs & singalong families, 3-10yrs. Ongoing Family Station All Year Round activities for families, 3-12yrs.

Until 31 Aug Science Museum Exhibition Rd 0870 870 4868 The Energy Show an electrifying new science show for families, 7+yrs. Daily take control in 360

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Until 7 Sept Regent's Park Open Air Theatre The Ironworks Inner Circle 08700 601 811 The Sound of Music.

Until 3 Nov Theatre Royal Drury Lane Catherine St 020 7494 5060 Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

31 July Chelsea Physic Garden 020 7352 5646 Paper Stixx & Wonderful Wire Sculptures have a go at making sculpture to take home, activity run by artist Darcy Turner, 6+yrs, bring some newspapers with you.

5 Aug Garden Photography, 8+yrs. **6 Aug Flight Club**, an introduction to things that fly, 8+yrs. **7 Aug Celebrating Spectacular Seeds**, 8+yrs. **12,20 Aug Art of the Garden** with printing, painting, sketching & model making, 7+yrs. **13 Aug Chocolate Tuesdays**, plus chocolate tasting, 7+yrs. **14 Aug Lotions & Potions** an introduction to herbal medicine, 7+yrs. **15 Aug The Lost Art of Nature Printing**, 10+yrs. **21 Aug Creepy Crawlie**, 4+yrs. **27 Aug A Passion for Plants**, gardening for beginners, 7+yrs. **28 Aug Garden Safari & Microscopic Marvels**, 4+yrs. **29 Aug What's the use of plants**, Ethnobotany for beginners, 8+yrs.

1-3-8-10 Aug ChickenShed Theatre Company Chase Side Southgate 020 8292 9222 Fairies' Tale summer show, 0-7yrs. 5-9 Aug Theatre workshops, 5-12yrs.

1-29 Aug Horniman Museum Forest Hill 020 8699 1872 Museum Mission trail to discover the hidden corners of the museum & gardens, 3+yrs. **FREE. 3,24 Aug Carnival Fish Shakers** art fun, 3+yrs. **5,12 Aug Up the Garden Path** with Miss Horniman, storytelling **FREE. 7 Aug Play Day** a national event celebrating play of all kinds, from craft to children's theatre,

FREE. 8 Aug The Fairy Clock Show interactive family show all ages, **FREE. 10,17 Aug Punch & Judy** inspired Globe Puppets art fun, 3+yrs. **14 Aug Nature Explorers** find out why bees are important, families 5+yrs. **14 Aug Take a tour** with Mr Horniman, **FREE. 15 Aug Punch & Judy** all ages, **FREE. 21 Aug Nature Explorers How Does your dinner grow**, families 5+yrs. **21 Aug Carnival Drum Making**, **FREE. 29 Aug Meet the Owls** from Jamb Owls. **31 Aug Fox Masks** art fun, 3+yrs, adults **FREE. Every Mon, Thurs & Fri until 30 Aug Family Art Fun** with different themes each week, **FREE. Every Tues until 27 Aug Family Art fun** in the Gardens, **FREE. 3+yrs. Every Sat Hands on family workshops**, 3+yrs, **Every Sun Discovery for All**, 3+yrs, **FREE. Every Sun A World of Stories** storytelling sessions, families, 3+yrs, **FREE. Until 1 Mar '14, The Art of Harmony**, exhibition showcases Western classical musical instruments on loan from the V & A. Every Sun A World of Stories 3+yrs.

2 Aug Museum of Childhood Bethnal Green 020 8983 5200 In the Trenches learn Royal Naval signals, gas mask training & more. **9 Aug Art in the Gardens. 16 Aug Medieval picnic. 23 Aug Music in the Garden. 30 Aug V for Victory** take part in 'make do and mend activities, es, drop in, all ages.

2,15,16,29 & 30 Aug National Maritime Museum Greenwich 020 8312 6565 Trafalgar Square remembers interactive history telling session, 7+yrs, **FREE. 3,10,17,24 Aug Explore Sat** meet a character from the past & take part in an exciting performance, 6+yrs, **FREE. 4,11,18,25 Aug Discover Sun** all ages, **FREE. 5,8,12,19,22,26 Aug Make a Batik mix headwrap**, printmaking workshop, 8+yrs, **FREE. 7,14,21,28 Aug Visions of the Universe** Exhibition, 8+yrs. **23 Aug International Slavery Remembrance Day** with workshops, interactive gallery tours & lots more, all ages, **FREE. Until 30 Aug Who's Victory**, make your own shop & find out more about the story of Britain today, drop in workshop, all ages, **FREE. Until 2 Sept Message In a Bottle** Summer holiday events. **Play Tues**, Ships in a Bottle family workshop, under 5's, **FREE. Every Tues & Fri in Aug Creative cargo**, ideas trolley drop in workshop, all ages, **FREE. Every Mon & Wed in Aug John Simmons** a sailor's Trafalgar story, 7+yrs, **FREE. Until 2 Sept New family Walking trail**, from Museum to Square, 6+yrs, **FREE. 2-8,26-30 Aug Imperial War Museum** Lambeth Road 020 7416 5439 Papers Please, children will be able to invent their own spy personas, drop in activity, **FREE. 10,17 Aug From page to stage** with Horrible Histories, Spies, spy themed drama workshop, under 4's **FREE.**

3 Aug Prudential RideLondon FreeCycle With up to 50,000 cyclists exploring an eight mile traffic FREE loop in central London, www.PrudentialRideLondon.co.uk

3 Aug St James's Park Showcasing junior events, hand-cycle racing & a professional women's event on a closed road circuit in & around St James's Park, www.PrudentialRideLondon.co.uk

3 Aug Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park Ride London the 140 mile race will start at the park & then head off into Surrey before returning to capital to finish on The Mall, www.PrudentialRideLondon.co.uk

16-18 Aug Lollibop family day out with a live theatre tent, a Lollibop kitchen where little cooks will have the chance to learn new skills, plus live demonstrations, Tween Town will host a number of activities including street dance, hula hoop & beat box workshop. Also on offer Imagination Stations with clay modelling, puppet making, balloon modelling, face painting & much more plus a pre-school 3ft & under area with the enchanted forest & the village green will live music, crafts stalls & street theatre, for more information www.lollibopfestival.co.uk

3-30 Aug Sea Life London Aquarium 0871 663 1678 www.sealife.co.uk/london Pick up a FREE trail card & follow a special superhero trail around the attraction, spotting creatures marked with fun cartoon depictions of their super alter egos & lots more on offer.

5-30 Aug Victoria & Albert Museum 020 7942 2000 The Imagination Station for families.

6-7 Aug Fashion Photography 13-15yrs, 13-14 Aug for 16-19yrs. **13 Aug Sewing Skills**, 13-15yrs. **14-16 Aug Design & Make your own Garment**, 13-15yrs. **20 Aug Architecture Model Making** 13-15yrs. **Until 27 Aug Make it Clay** activity children can create their own unusual clay bowls, 5-12yrs. **Daily Back Packs** families can pick up an activity back pack filled with jigsaws, stories & games to explore the collection, 4-11yrs, Activity Cart hands on art fun for children to create a Samuri helmet, a silver goblet or an elephant mask to take home, **FREE**, drop in plus Agent Animal bag a sensory activity bag that has been developed for under 5's containing an audio map & fabric cubes, **FREE.**

6 Aug The Iraqi Cultural Centre Threshold & Union House 020 7969 5274 The Royal Burials of Ur, hats, board games & mysterious objects, **FREE**, 4-14yrs. **7 Aug The Fearsome Anzu Bird** drop in activities making cartoon strips of the story creating Anzu amulet, decorate masks of characters & more, 4-14yrs, **FREE. www.bsi.ac.uk. 7,10,14,21 & 28 Aug Natural History Museum** 020 7942 5000 Animal Vision show which

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24 Aug Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice Abbey Wood www.communityhospice.org.uk Teddy Bears' Picnic in the woods with stalls, entertainment & a picnic box for every child. Entertainment to include Peppa Pig & Bearmy, Baby Ballet, magical music & stories & a special performance of Hansel & Gretel plus bouncy castle, bbq, gifts & games, 1.30-4.30pm.

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Is my child dyslexic? Recognising the signs...

According to the recent report *A Fish in the Tree* <http://driver-youth-trust.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/DYT-FishintheTree-LR.pdf> by The Driver Youth Trust on average, 3 children in every classroom are dyslexic and struggle with literacy - this equates to 1.2 million in the UK. Reading and writing is essential when it comes to the intellectual development of a child. But if a child has literacy problems like dyslexia, this development becomes even more challenging.

Though dyslexia is categorised as a disability, if you see the signs and catch it early

enough, using the right tools and techniques, your child should have a good chance of developing at the same pace as every other pupil in their class.

Here are some frequently asked questions that can help you to determine if your child is dyslexic :

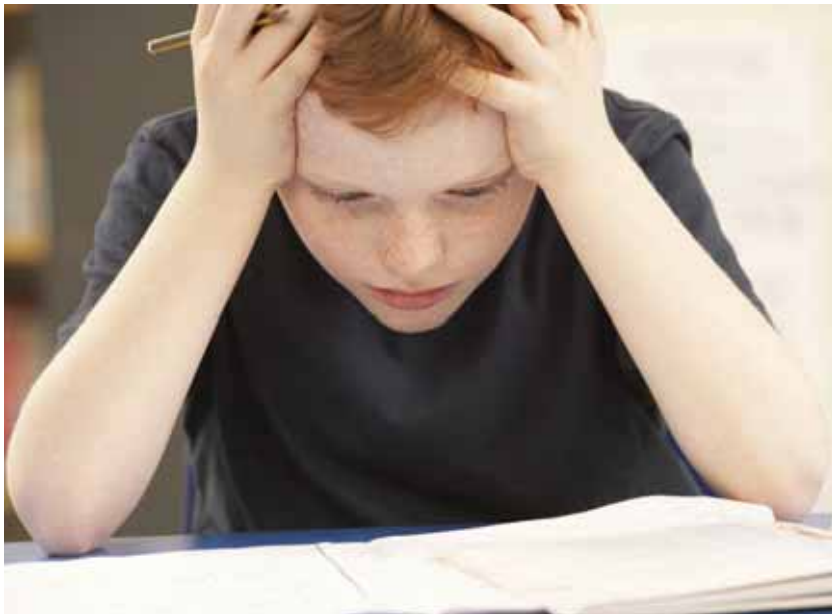
1. Firstly, dyslexia is hereditary so do you or anyone in your family have dyslexia?
2. Does your child display poor concentration and are they easily distracted?
3. Is their performance in class below average compared to their classmates?
4. Do they struggle with their 'b's and 'd's', 'p's and 'q's

and use them the wrong way round?

5. Do they have difficulty following instructions especially if they are written?
6. When reading out loud, do they miss words or add words that are not included?
7. Do they take longer to read compared to other children their age?
8. Are their oral skills noticeably more developed compared to their reading and writing skills?
9. During activities, do they prefer to keep to themselves rather than play with others?
10. Do they have a headache or tummy ache on the days they have a particular

lesson that they do not like? Should your child experience most of these indicators, it is likely that they have some degree of dyslexia. Identifying that your child has dyslexia is the first step and early identification is crucial. With a combination of technology and techniques, your child has every opportunity to overcome dyslexia at school, at home and ultimately, at work.

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