

Cluster News

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For all of our children, parents, carers, families and the local community.

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Parent Information Fair

at **Road School Sports College**
on **Monday 12 July**
between **3pm and 6pm**

Drop in for information and advice on a range of topics, including:

- **Healthy lifestyles**
- **Parent support**
- **What's on during the summer holidays 2010**

'The Bus' will also be on the school site! plus the chance to win £60 for summer holiday activities for your child/grandchild

For more information contact:

Karen Roberts, Extended Services Coordinator, Road School Sports College, Stratford Road, Road, Northants, NN7 2LP
Tel: 07919 400338 (mobile)
01604 862125 (main switchboard)

ENTRANCE FREE ... Exhibitors include:

Families Information Service, Time2Talk, MEND, School Nurse, NHS, Connexions, Fire & Rescue Service, Youth Hostel Association (YHA) and more

Members of the local community welcome too

HOME ACCESS
Get on in school
get online at home

If you are a low-income family who currently lack access to a computer and/or the internet, you could get a grant for:


- a computer
- one year's internet access
- service, safety features and support.

To get an application form, call:
0333 200 1004

Wendy Watts, Parent Support Advisor at Road School Sports College invites you to drop in for a cup of coffee and an informal chat

*Parents Pitstop - Every Monday (term time) Conference Room - 9.15 to 10.30am
Main Library - 7 to 8.30pm*

*Stratford Road, Road
01604 862125/
mobile 07917 875320*



Consultation - Road School Sports College

The parent/carer questionnaire for Road School Sports College is now available on line, we really would appreciate it if you could take 5 minutes of your time to fill it in and let us know your views, you can complete the survey online until 30 June 2010, the link is <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/poppy>

The Salcey Cluster of Schools

Ashton Primary School



Blisworth Primary School



Collingtree Primary School



Road School Sports College



Hardingstone Primary School



Hartwell Primary School



Road Primary School



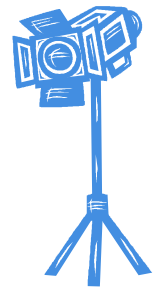
Stoke Bruerne Primary School



Hackleton Primary School



SPOTLIGHT - SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES



Students at Roade School Sports College have been cooking nutritious meals with the help of volunteers as part of a 'School of Life' intergenerational project. Members of the local community joined students in the classroom at Roade School Sports College to prepare and cook hot meals and desserts suitable for people with special dietary needs, including gluten free and diabetic recipes. Students and volunteers also had the opportunity to sample and discuss the various traditional and modern dishes. Thank you to everyone who contributed and made the project such a success.

Roade Primary School is pleased to announce that Crazy 4 Kids are now offering an after school and school holiday club. There are a range of activities open to the children from sports activities, cookery, arts and craft to specialist drama and dance evenings. For more information contact Julie on 07545 267056 or e-mail info@crazy4kids.co.uk



In May Ashton and Blisworth Primary Schools both enjoyed a fun, interactive Magic Show designed to highlight the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle. The hour long show featured the healthy eating plate and promoted the 'Change 4 Life' message 'Eat Well, Move More, Live Longer'. The magic show will be visiting all of the Primary Schools in the Cluster as part of our Healthy Eating and Healthy Schools initiatives.

Hackleton and Roade Primary Schools are aiming to set up Gardening Clubs, hopefully working with tenants from South Northants Homes and volunteers from South Northants Volunteer Bureau's 'School of Life'. Hartwell, Hardingstone and Stoke Bruerne Primary Schools already have dedicated garden areas/raised beds for their Gardening Clubs. Such Clubs are ideal for teaching pupils to grow, identify and learn about vegetables. If any parents, grandparents would be interested in volunteering to help at a Gardening Club (*subject to CRB checks*), assist with weeding during school holidays etc, we would love to hear from you. Also any donations of new hand tools, children's gardening gloves, seeds etc would be most welcome. Please contact Karen Roberts on 07919 400838 (Mon - Wed) or esdirectory@roadesschool.northants.sch.uk for more information.



Roade School Sports College and South Northants Homes hosted a "Silver Surfers" - Introduction to Computers and the Internet" taster event on 21 May 2010. This year there were two 1½ hour long sessions on offer to retirement tenants from South Northants Homes And members of the wider community. Thank you to all of the student volunteers who helped on the day.

Hartwell and Hackleton Primary Schools hosted the first of the Family Bike Maintenance Workshops. The after school sessions covered aspects of bike maintenance and safety such as how to carry out a bike safety check, puncture repair, brake adjustment and replacement. Congratulations to the Harris family from Hackleton who were the lucky winners a £50 Halford's Voucher in the prize draw. A huge thank you to Cycle Coach, Mark McVitty, for all of the useful tips and advice. Also thanks to NCC's Road Safety Team and Northamptonshire Police who supported the workshops.



CONGRATULATIONS

... to Crazy 4 Kids (Roade Primary School) who was successful in their bid for Sainsbury's TOP Activity resources worth £450. The project is part of South Northants & Daventry School Sport Partnership's exciting new programme of 'alternative' sport and physical activities aimed at After School Clubs for young people aged 7-11.



South Northants and Daventry School Sport Partnership



HOLIDAY CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Northamptonshire County Council's Families Information Service offer assistance and advice on a range of services including Holiday Clubs and/or Activities. For help and information please ring 01604 237935 (weekdays 9am to 5pm), e-mail earlyyears@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Alternatively DirectGov has a useful search service which helps you find details of Holiday Clubs and/or Activities via a postcode search – visit <http://childcarefinder.direct.gov.uk/childcarefinder>

With the Summer Holidays approaching why not check the Directory for information and suggestions for holiday clubs and activities – www.roadesschool.northants.sch.uk (click on 'about us' then 'Salcey Cluster of Schools'). In the meantime here is a sample of what might be available.

- Asda Sporting Chance is a community sports initiative that gives children access to **free sports sessions** during the school holidays. This year there is a great range of activities, including football, tennis, martial arts, paintballing and cheerleading. To claim your free session(s) pick up vouchers or download them. To find out what is available in your local area visit <http://www.asda-sportingchance.co.uk/search.html>
- Northampton Borough Council will be organising an exciting range of sporting activities to keep children of all ages entertained and active over the summer holiday. Information will appear on the website shortly, alternatively contact Northampton Borough Council's sports development unit on 01604 837774
- Theatre Summer School - 9-1 Aug or 16-20 Aug 08:30 - 16:30 - ranging from street dance, circus skills, musical theatre and acting methods at the Deco, Abington Street, Northampton – suitable for children aged between 6-18 yrs. Places limited for info/booking form call Cat Dunn on 07703 722804 or email theatresummerschool@hotmail.co.uk Similar courses may also be available at The Castle, Wellingborough or The Royal and Derngate.
- One day beauty course for over 9's - activities available include hairdressing, manicure, henna hand painting, make-up skills or beaded jewellery making, for those interested in crafts. Places are limited, to book contact Hair 2 Order Training at hair2order@yahoo.com
- The Everdon Centre are offering holiday activities for children aged 2 – 11. For more information, to check availability and reserve your place ring 01327 361384 or visit <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/cyp/everdon/pages/holidaydays.aspx>
- South Northants Council will be organising an exciting range of sports, leisure and arts activities over the summer holidays. Contact the SPLAT team on 01327 322078.
- The Nene Whitewater Centre offer a range of rafting activities during the summer holidays, for more information Tel: 01604 634040
- Old Northamptonians Cricket Club are hosting a cricket camp on 11&12 Aug. The two day camp costs £20 and is for girls aged 7 – 14. To book visit www.chancetoshine.org and click on 'cricket camps' or call the helpline on 01937 830812.
- Mount Pleasant Holiday Club - hold an activity week for boys and girls aged 4-12 with age-appropriate games and activities, and a fun evening for the whole family at the end of the week. 9.30am to 12 noon from 26 July to 30 July 2010. Registration will take place on Sat 3 July from 10.00 to 11.30 am. For more details about Holiday Club contact the Open Door Centre office, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, 147-155 Kettering Road, Northampton Tel: 01604 516809.
- Youth Hostel Association offer residential camps for 10-19 year olds. 5 nights/4 days full of activities like quad biking, paint balling, archery, filmmaking, choreography & loads more, prices from £79 inc meals, transport etc. For more information visit <http://www.doit4real.co.uk/> or Tel: 0800 0195 115

Don't forget Ofsted registered providers may accept Childcare Vouchers for full or part payment towards holiday activities.

- Country Parks often have family based activities for more information contact Northamptonshire County Council on 01604 236236 or visit <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Leisure/countryside/Pages/Events.aspx>
- Danes Camp Leisure Centre's 'Fun Zone' offer activities Tel: 01604 837300 or Towcester Leisure Centre offer activities Tel: 01327 322480
- Intensive swimming lessons and other sports activities at the Willison Centre, Roade School Sports College Tel: 01604 863912
- Northampton Museum and Art Gallery are offering various drop in craft sessions (10 – noon and 1 – 3pm entrance £1) Tel: 01604 838110
- Tesco are offering **FREE Football Skills Sessions** which are open to boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 11 years old during school holidays. Not sure if this has rolled out to Northants yet but they do run in Bucks and Beds for those prepared to travel. For more info see www.tesco.com/football
- The Forestry Commission organises events and activities all year round, to find out what is happening at Salcey Forest visit <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/recreation.nsf/LUWebDocsByKey/EnglandNorthamptonshireNoForestSalceyForest>
- There are often fun activities in libraries for children and families during half term and holidays contact your local library for more information.

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUBS	Kids Stop, Blisworth, Tel: 01604 858 414	Hackleton Out of School Club, Tel: 01604 871299	Crazy 4 Kids, Roade & Collingtree tel: 07545 267056	Schools Out, Yardley Gobion, Tel 01908 542460
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Local professional sports teams often offer coaching and/or activities for children during school holidays (and during term times)

- **Northampton Saints** RUFC are offering Residential Rugby Camps and Rugby Tots during the summer holidays. For more information contact the Saints Community Team on 01604 599113/116 or visit http://www.northamptonssaints.co.uk/29_83.php
- **Northampton Steelbacks** Academy usually holds holiday activities. For more information Tel 01604 514455
- **Northampton Town Football Club** usually holds holiday activities. For more information contact the Holiday Course Hotline 01604 683765
- **MK Dons** usually run summer holiday courses (*Football & Multi Sports*) For more information contact 01908 622888 or visit <http://www.mkdonstrust.co.uk>

CAMPS & RESIDENTIALS	www.kingscamps.org	www.supercamps.co.uk	www.doit4real.co.uk	www.rockuk.org/centres/frontier-centre
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Cluster News is published between four and six times per year and it aims to keep parents/carers up to date about extended services across the Salcey Cluster. In an endeavour to reduce printing costs and speed up delivery of your newsletter we would like to send your copy electronically. To be added to the electronic mailing list please complete and return this slip to Karen Roberts, Roade School Sports College, Stratford Road, Roade, Northants, NN7 2LP or email your details to esdirectory@roadesschool.northants.sch.uk

Parent/Carer Name:

My child/children attend the following school(s)

Email address:

I would like to receive Cluster News electronically
y/n

I would like to receive other school newsletters via email (only relates to the Salcey Cluster)
y/n