

- **Devon Parent Carers' Voice** Save the date Winter Events: Be a responsible driver on your SEND journey. This is a parent/carer event only, there will be no Marketplace this year. Hear news and updates, what is happening behind the scenes.....join discussions and workshops. Book now at: <http://ow.ly/QniJ30mgzzD> for 20th November event at Buckfastleigh or <http://ow.ly/juPd30mgzCO> for 27th November event at Cullompton.
- **Devon Information Advice & Support (DIAS)** Free interactive training session for parents on Tuesday 6th November, 10.00am to 12.00pm at Exeter Parent Carer Cafe, Phoenix Community Café, Burnthouse Lane, Exeter, EX2 6NF If you have a child or young person with special educational needs or a disability, and you want to get more out of your meetings with their school or college, then this free interactive session will help you: - get ready for meetings and prepare well - manage when something unexpected happens or there's disagreement - understand other people's views and why they behave the way they do - end a meeting with agreement and a clear plan To book your place go to: <http://soc.devon.cc/1ssGW> or email jane.ring@devon.gov.uk
- **Devon Carers Hour online at the Pod.** The pod is a new place where carers and others who want to support carers can chat with each other, speak to the Advice Team, health professionals and other carers. They have various speakers online each week, Tuesdays from 2pm-3pm. To find out more and to sign up click [here](#)
- **AbilityNet** helps people of any age and with any disability to use technology to achieve their goals at home, at work and in education. They do this by providing specialist advice services, free information resources and by helping to build a more accessible digital world. To find out more visit their [website](#)
- **The PDA Society** have a range of information and resources regarding Pathological Demand Avoidance on their website, alongside an enquiry line and a parent-to-parent support service. To find out more click [here](#)
- **HANDi paediatric app.** With childhood illnesses on the increase due to the cold weather, doctors in Devon are reminding parents to download and consult the HANDi paediatric app. The free app, available to download onto any Apple or Android device, was launched specifically with children in mind and is loaded with expert advice, support and guidance for common childhood illnesses. To find out more click [here](#)
- **Challenging Behaviour Foundation Positive Behavioural Support - Guides for Family Carers.** This pack of resources aims to provide information about Positive Behavioural Support (PBS). It explains what it is; what it looks like in practice; provides questions to ask to check that PBS is being delivered well in the setting you are looking at and guidance on how family carers can find out more including advice on training. Request a free copy [here](#)
- **Sir Francis Chichester Trust funding for Outward Bound courses.** Thanks to donors, if you're successful in applying for a place on the Skills for Life Award, the Sir Francis Chichester Trusts will cover 100% of your course cost. With a place on the course usually costing up to £1,699, this is a truly unique opportunity not to be missed. Closing date for applications 4th February 2019. To find out more about eligibility and to apply for a place click [here](#)
- **Emergency Essentials Programme – BBC Children in Need.** Family Fund Business Services are working in collaboration with BBC Children in Need to deliver the Emergency Essentials programme supporting children and young people living with severe poverty as well as additional pressures such as domestic violence, disability or poor health in the family. The programme can deliver or fund critical items such as: • Gas or electric cookers • Essential household items • Furniture and kitchen equipment • Children's beds and bedding • Washing machines • Fridges and freezers • Baby equipment • Clothing in exceptional or emergency situations. Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs. <https://www.familyfundsolutions.co.uk/emergency-essentials/>
- **Apple Tree Farm** is a small family run business based in High Bickington. The animal assisted activities including; - One-to-one or group therapy sessions – Therapeutic farming – Animal assisted intervention – Holiday farming experience – Farm tours and meet the animals – Alpaca experiences – Party venue for hire – Makaton friendly and accessible venue – Range of farm products and gifts available. Sessions can cater for children and individuals with a range of abilities and are tailored to the specific needs of clients to enable interaction with the friendly animals at the farm. To find out more go to: www.appletreefarmsservices.co.uk or call 01769 560095 / 07908 783759.



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