

Snippets 3rd January 2019

- **BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme**
BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances and is delivered by Family Fund Business Services. The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in, a cooker to provide a hot meal and other items or services critical to child's wellbeing.
All applications must be made by a registered referrer. To find out more go to:
<https://www.familyfundsolutions.co.uk/emergency-essentials/>
- **Funding information websites**
If you, or someone you know are looking to fund a specific item related to a child's condition the websites below are very helpful.
 - **Turn2Us** <https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/>
 - **Disability Grants** <http://www.disability-grants.org/>
- **Clip 'n Climb – Plymouth**
Autism and SEN sessions available on Sundays from 10am for an hour aimed at children aged 4 years and over, max of 15 people per session.
These sessions give the opportunity for children with specific needs to enjoy Clip 'n Climb in a quieter, calmer environment and meet other families facing similar issues.
Book on line at: Plymouth.clipnclimb.co.uk or call 01752 717567
- **The Autism Education Trust (AET)**
The Trust helps children and young people with autism to receive an education, enabling them to reach their potential. They help ensure that autistic children and young people fulfil their aspirations and engage in society as active citizens.
To find out more about what AET go to:
<https://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/about/>
- **Disabled Persons Railcard**
Those with disabilities may be eligible to purchase a Disabled Persons Railcard. This will enable you (and another adult travelling with you) to get 1/3 off adult rail fares travelling on any National Rail network in Great Britain. For more details go to:
<https://www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk/are-you-eligible/>
- **Devon Autism Alert Card**
If you or someone you know is on the Autism Spectrum you may be interested in the Devon Autism Alert Card. The card helps Autistic individuals to be safer, more secure and better supported. To find out more go to www.dimensionsforliving.org or call 07421 778809 or email autismcard@dimensionsforliving.org

- **AUTIsWim**

Sundays from 3.15pm—4.15pm at Plympton Swimming Pool, the cost is Free. Recreational swimming for those on the autistic spectrum and their families. For information on this activity and more contact: For more information on this and other sporting activities contact the Sports Development Unit on 01752 307008 or email: sportsdev@plymouth.gov.uk

- **Makaton Shopping List**

All Asda Supermarkets should now have a Makaton Shopping List available to their customers. You can ask for one at their customer service desk.

- **Family Dog Service workshops**

Exeter workshops are being held on the 19th, 20th and 21st of February at the Woodbury Village Hall, EX5 1LX.

Family Dog workshops are specially designed to provide parents of children with autism with the advice and long-term support needed for choosing and training a dog to benefit the whole family.

Family Dog Workshops are ideal if you:

- Are at the early stages of considering getting a dog to help your child
- Know that you want to get a dog and are looking for help choosing and handling a dog
- Already have a pet dog but would like training ideas and support

A series of three one day workshops is planned during February in Exeter. The course will use a combination of practical demonstrations, discussions, hands on learning and course handouts. Find more go to: <https://www.dogforgood.org/how-we-help/family-dog/>



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An archive of the previous four weeks of snippets can be found at the SIGNPOSTplus page on the Devon Integrated Children's Services website:

<http://devon.integratedchildrensservices.co.uk/signpostplus/>

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