

Pixmore Junior School



Newsletter Summer Term 2018: 16th July 2018 **STOP Press: Early finish of 2pm on Friday 20th July!**

We are coming to the end of yet another successful year at Pixmore Junior School and the sun is still shining on us too!

We continue to have sporting triumphs at finish of the year with both our boys and girls indoor athletics team retaining their County title! A successful camp out for Year 4's and a great school journey for our Year 6 pupils in Skegness.

I wish our Year 6 pupils the best of luck as they move on to secondary school in September and look forward to welcoming all our new Year 3 pupils and their families

Our SATS results are the best so far under the system that was introduced in 2016 and we had a great PSA BBQ on Friday that was very well supported complete with swooping eagles! It was a lovely school community event and a great way to round off my 10th year at Pixmore. Thank you to the all the children, staff, governors and families for all your support and efforts this year. This puts me in mind of our school aims and values:

All learning together to create moments to celebrate.

Look out in the newsletter for events and agencies that can support families over the summer.

PSA Events

Thank you to all the committee and helpers who have supported the PSA events this year. The BBQ was a great success and the total raised surpassed last year and is heading for £1000 mark!

The PSA have bought the Year 6 their leavers books and bought 1 of the new LED boards and we're hoping to buy another with the proceeds of the summer and autumn term events.



Meet the Teacher

Just a heads up to say that the week of **Monday 10th September** there will be our Meet the Teacher meetings. These are usually straight after school apart from Year 6 meeting which is later. This will give you information on the curriculum, timetable and expectation for the year as well as information on how you can support your child at home. Specific dates for meetings and times will be confirmed on the website by the end of term. It is particularly important that Year 6 parents try to attend the meetings as there is information on the end of Key Stage 2 SATS and information on Secondary School Transition.

Sports

Speed Stack County Finals - Friday 6th July

Speed Stack Team: Well done to the children who represented North Herts at the Speed Stack County finals day, the team battled really well against some very talented teams and their hard work and team work was recognised by awarding the team with a special team work award! The teams finished 8th and 9th in the county a great achievement by the school and children.

Indoor Athletics Teams: A very proud moment for Mr Willard as his talented Boys and Girls Indoor Athletics teams shone at the county finals last Friday. Both teams competed against 12 other teams from across the county, as always Team Pixmore rose to the challenge achieving personal PB's which crowned some children the best in the county at some events! All their effort, deduction and hard work was paid off in the end when both teams were announced as county champions 2018. What another fantastic achievement by the 24 children involved!!



Parent Forum

Our last parent forum of the year takes place on Thursday 19th July, 9.15-10.15am. Please note change of date. The focus will be on telling us one really good thing about life at Pixmore this year for you or your child and one thing that you think can be improved. Refreshments will be provided.

Summer Holidays

The Letchworth Partnership of Schools Family Support Team will be holding drop in sessions at **Howard Park Gardens** every **Wednesday 10-3pm during the Summer holidays**. They are able to provide parents with support and advice on activities but also Food Bank Vouchers, Parental support as well as access to CAB and Mind organisations. Don't forget the Rewind Café and Shop will also be at Mrs Howard Hall on Wednesday – you can get a cheap drink and hot food as well as shop – 'pay what you can afford' for near to sell by date foods to make the pennies go further.

Rising Stars are hosting a week-long of activities at Pixmore 20-24 August.

Booking via multi-sports@risingstars-online.co.uk or 01462 790152. Days are 10am-3m and are offered at a special rate for Hillshott and Pixmore pupils at £15 per day.

Parents often ask for ideas to keep their children going over the holidays. As a school we strongly ask you to encourage your child to read and practise their arithmetic, particularly times tables. Last year, Scholastic Publishing produced some maths skills and English skills books which were used with some families to support their child's learning and you might like to try these www.scholastic.co.uk. However, summer holidays are great family times, so enjoy going swimming, playing in the sand and flying kites as well! Let's hope the sunny weather continues. **Don't forget you can take part in the Summer Reading Challenge! Visit <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for more information. Mrs Inman will award 10 house points to all children who complete the challenge!**

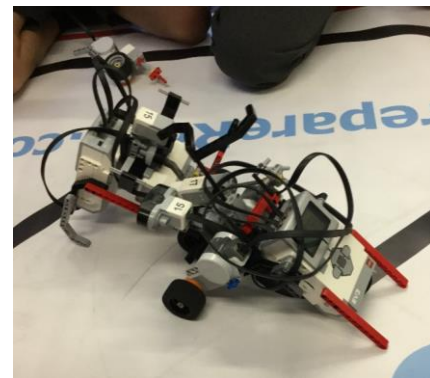
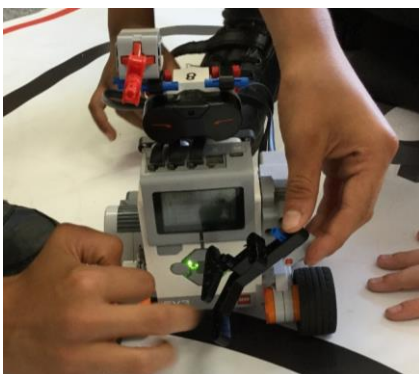
Parent View

We would like to request that parent/carers follow the link on our website www.pixmore.herts.sch.uk and answer the questions about how you feel we are doing. It doesn't take long and it helps inform us about where you think we are exceeding and where we need to improve, as well as showing OFSTED that we are engaging with our parents. If you complete it over the holiday let us know and we can give your children 10 Housepoints!



Robot-Mania

Year 4 took part in a robotic Lego workshop earlier this half term, in which they made fighting robots. The children earned the titles 'Green Constructors' as they created from scratch, robots which detected how close they were to something, could move and could fight each other! There was a lot of excitement as groups of 3 designed and created their robots, the focus and buzz around both classrooms was incredible! We got to try out lots of things including making a variety of robot weapons. It was really fun to watch the robots battle!" one child said afterwards.



Pizza!

Year 4 went to L'Artista in Letchworth to make their own pizzas. They were shown how to make the dough, put the topping on and cook it and were astounded by the chef's skills when spinning and tossing the base! The restaurant provided each child with a pizza base and a huge variety of toppings including: cheese, tomato, pepperoni, ham, pineapple, peppers, olives, mushrooms and sweetcorn. Once they had finished creating their delicious pizzas, some with patterns, some were smiley faces and others were piled almost to the rooftops with tonnes of toppings!



The staff at L'Artista cooked and served the pizzas to the children and were incredibly helpful and accommodating, they even gave the children a choice of ice cream flavours for pudding and some drinks! When asked about their pizza making experience one child said: "I learnt that you have to be very talented to make pizza!" Another child echoed the thoughts of the year group by saying: "It was yummy!"



Maths Challenge Final – 15th June 2018

Excitement filled the air as Mrs Ratibb, Miss Rolfe and Year 5 Maths Team stepped into the room where the county maths finals were being held. The 20 top schools across Hertfordshire attended and having won our heat, our aim was to get in to the top 10. Not only were the teams from other schools there but there were also parents and school staff watching in seats at the back of the room, with screens to see what the children were working on.

Huge congratulations to our team!

There were 5 incredibly difficult rounds but the children managed to remain focused for most of the time. Here are our results:

| Round 1 | Position at end of round | Round 2 | Position at end of round | Round 3 | Position at end of round | Round 4 | Position at end of round | Round 5 | Total points | Position at end |
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| 50 | 3 | 51 | 5 | 52 | 2 | 48 | 3 | 30 | 231 | 9 |

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If you find that your child is forgetful in bringing home school letters, remember you are always able to pick a copy up from our school website: www.pixmore.herts.sch.uk, so please make it a weekly check. We are able to email all letters to you if you have informed us of your email address, these will be sent via ParentMail, if in doubt contact the school office.

NOTE: Assemblies are held at 9.30am, parents/carers should wait outside year 6 for entry.

Calendar Dates for the year 2017-2018 – 16th July 2018

| Academic Year 2017-18 | | |
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| Summer Term 2018 | | |
| 17/7/2018 | Year 5 /6 Production- 'Oliver' (afternoon performance 2.00pm) | Year 5/6 Production- 'Oliver' Evening performance 7pm |
| 18/7/2018 | | Pixmore Sports Awards Afternoon 4.15-5.15pm |
| 19/07/2018 | Parent Forum 9.15-10.15am | Year 6 Leavers Party 6-8pm |
| 20/07/18 | Last Day of Term – Early Finish at 2pm | |
| 23-25/07/18 | OCCASIONAL Day (School Closed) | |
| 26-27/07/18 | INSET Days (School Closed) | |
| 20-24 August – Rising Stars running Multi-Activity Days £15 special rate per day for Hillshott and Pixmore Pupils Booking via multi-sports@risingstars-online.co.uk or 01462 790152 | | |
| Academic Year 2018-19 | | |
| Autumn Term 2018 | | |
| 03/09/2018 | INSET Day (School Closed) | |
| 04/09/2018 | INSET Day (School Closed) | |
| 05/09/2018 | Children return to school | |
| 17/10/2018 | Individual School Photos | |
| 29/10/2018-02/11/2018 | HALF TERM | |
| 21/12/2018 | Last Day of Term – Early Finish 12 noon | |
| Spring Term 2019 | | |
| 07/01/2019 | INSET Day (School Closed) | |
| 08/01/2019 | Children return to school | |
| 18/02/2019-22/02/2019 | HALF TERM | |
| 05/04/2019 | Last Day of Term – normal finish at 3.15pm | |
| 07/03/2018 | World Book Day | Book Fair 3.30-4.30pm |
| Summer Term 2019 | | |
| 23/04/2019 | Children return to school | |
| 06/05/2019 | BANK Holiday (School Closed) | |
| 27/05/2019-31/05/2019 | HALF TERM | |
| 19/07/2019 | Last Day of Term – Early Finish 2pm | |
| 22/07/2019 | Occasional Day (School Closed) | |
| 23/07/2019 | INSET Day (School Closed) | |
| 24/07/2019 | INSET Day (School Closed) | |



Letchworth Summer Holiday Activities 2018



The information provided here is for general guidance only. The Letchworth Partnership of Schools aims to provide accurate and up to date information, but cannot guarantee at any time that all the information is up to date, accurate or of good quality. We advise that you phone to book a place on many of these activities to avoid disappointment and to check that the details haven't changed. If your child has additional needs, it would also be advisable to discuss their support needs before accessing a club.

If you have any enquiries about holiday, after school or weekend clubs, as well as family, parent and youth support, please contact Ruth Coleman (07983 417532) or Mandy Saville (07983 417295)

Letchworth Partnership of Schools' Family Support Workers are around over the summer should you need family support. We will be running outreach sessions at Howard Gardens Splash Park every Wednesday in August from 11-4 for general support, advice and signposting. There will be fun stuff for the kids to do while we chat and our colleagues from Mind and the Childrens Centres will also be supporting us. Foodbank vouchers will be available.

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Where</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Contact</u> |
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| Letchworth Outdoor Pool | All | Outdoor Pool | 7 days a week Various times | Often quoted as, "One of the best outdoor pools in Hertfordshire", our heated outdoor pool is situated within a beautiful natural environment. The heated pool, which is 50 metres, is surrounded by a grassed sunbathing area. Refreshments are available in the terrace area. A toddler pool is also available. http://www.sll.co.uk/enterprise/LetchworthOutdoorPool | 01462 684673 |
| Circus Skills | All | Stand-alone Farm | 30thJul-3Aug | Ever thought about running away with the circus? Find out if you have what it takes with our circus skills sessions as we kickstart our summer schedule! Learn how to juggle, walk on stilts and clown around with drop in sessions throughout the day this will be a great way to tire out the kids! | 01462 686775 |
| CJS Falconry Display | | | 6-10thAug | Watch these majestic creatures swoop and soar as we welcome the fantastic CJS falconry team to Standalone Farm. With audience interaction and the chance to get up close and personal, these displays offer the chance to see these birds at their best, in the sky! The team will even allow our little farmers to pose for some photos with these amazing birds after the show. | |
| Dog & Duck Show | | | 13-17 th Aug | This entertaining sheepdog and duck herding display is a favourite with audiences of all ages. Watch how Richard and his sheepdog sidekicks herd the ducks through a variety of obstacles. With some audience participation, this really is a show that is fun for all the family! | |
| Andrei Burton Trial Bike Show | | | 20-24thAug | Andrei Burton is the UK's premiere mountain bike trials athlete, and we're thrilled that he's bringing his team to the Farm. Watch the team perform gravity-defying stunts that will leave the whole family amazed and inspired. | |
| Donkey Rides | | | 27-31stAug | As Ted and Oscar are a little on the shy side, Mike will be bringing down some of his most trusted donkeys for donkey rides at the Farm! Rides will be taking place throughout the day. As with all donkey rides there are weight, height and age restrictions to take part, however Mike's donkeys love the attention and are always happy to pose for a photo with our not so little farmers! http://standalonefarm.com/ | |
| FREE Mischievous Makers Reading Challenge | All | <p>Get ready for a summer of treasure-seeking fun with the Mischievous Makers! For this year's Summer Reading Challenge we're off to Beanotown, where rumour has it there's a treasure chest full of epic pranks waiting to be discovered... Say hello to Pieface, Rubi, JJ, Gnasher, and the ultimate mischief maker: Dennis! Taking part in the Challenge is simple – when your summer holidays start, you can sign up for free at your local library. You'll receive your very own map of Beanotown to get you started. Read six library books (or more!) over the holidays to collect special stickers to add to your map. Collect all the stickers to discover where the treasure is hiding and complete the Challenge.</p> | | | |

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| | | Further information on the Summer Reading Challenge in Hertfordshire and a link to The Mischief Makers website can be found at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries , or visit http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/ | | | |
| Children's Centre Fun | 0-4 | Icknield, Lime Tree, Chestnut Tree Children's Centres | Various dates and times | The Letchworth & Baldock group of children's centres will be offering lots of fun activities and groups over the school holiday. www.pre-school.org.uk/letchworth-baldock www.facebook.com/letchworthandbaldockcc | 01462 681334 |
| Summer Discovery Days | 4-11 | British Schools Museum, Hitchin | Every Weds & Thurs in August 10-12 & 1-3 | This summer we are truly bringing learning to life with our creative, hands on discovery days. We will be exploring a different theme each week based on a school subject you know, but with a Victorian twist. Get creative with crafts, experiments, challenges and games and fuel your imagination. £5 per child, inc drink and biscuit. Booking recommended. https://britishschoolsmuseum.org.uk/discover/whats-on/ | 01462 410144 |
| Wild Camp | 3-12 | North Herts Leisure Centre | Monday-Friday 23July-31Aug Monday-Friday 9-5pm (closed bank holidays) | Join Lenny and the gang and be prepared to go 'Wild' with our mammoth timetable of fun filled activities including Softball, Arts & Crafts, Face Painting, Swimming, Inflatable Fun, Team Games, Trampoline and much more. £27/day, ½ day £13.50 Forms downloadable on www.stevenage-leisure.co.uk or come into the leisure centre to book your place. | 01462 679311 |
| Holiday Tennis Camps | 5-14 | Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane | 23Jul-31Aug 9-12 or 9-3.30 | <u>Mini Tennis Camp</u> 5-9 years. Mini tennis camps are a great way for children to get on court and practice in a fun and rewarding environment. Working on specific shots, they will have great fun and hopefully learn lots of new skills each day. Fun tournament day every Friday. £15 morning/£25 day http://www.lstc.org.uk/camps/ | 01462 675444 |
| | | | 23Jul-31Aug 1pm-4pm | <u>Junior Tennis Camp</u> 10-14 years. Intensive tennis camp to work on all aspects of your game. Week of technique, tactics and points for green and yellow ball players. Working on specific tactic or stroke every day. Fun singles and doubles Tournament day Friday. £15 day/£60 week http://www.lstc.org.uk/camps/ | |
| Mad Science | 4-11 | St Johns Community Centre, Hitchin | Various dates throughout the summer 10am-3pm | Hands on science fun including slime making, funky forensics & crazy chemistry! Please bring packed lunch/drink. £36/child/day. Discounts for 5-day week and for group bookings. Mad Science runs across Hertfordshire www.madscience.com Email herts@madscienceeast.co.uk | 01727 824700 |
| Cookery Camps | 4-11 | Hitchin | 23-25Jul & 30Jul-1Aug 9-5 | Holiday cookery camps for boys and girls featuring unique food adventures each day. Food focus – portable foods, sandwiches reinvented, learn a new skill. Get in touch for more info and to book a place. £40(Hitchin) £50 (Letchworth) per cook per day. All meals included! Visit www.cookeryeatery.co.uk to book. | 07795 627492 |
| | 8-16 | Letchworth | 26-27Jul & 2-3Aug 9-5 | | |
| Themed Drama Camps | 6-12 | Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage | One per week from wb 30July – wb 28Aug 10am-4pm (Friday 10am-12noon) | Join our drama academy team on our week long themed drama camps – including Aladdin and Beauty & the Beast. We will explore drama, music, singing, dance and visual art activities to bring musical stories to life. We will devise a script to be performed for parents, friends and family on Friday morning. Cost £115 per child (sibling discount available) www.gordon-craig.co.uk | 01438 363200 |
| Camp Adventure | 5-14 | Hitchin Girls School | Mon 23 July- Fri 31 Aug | A fun, action packed day of sports activities such as Trampoline, Gymnastics, Badminton, Table | 07527 640599 |

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| Multi-Sports Camps | | Sports Centre | (excl bank hol) 9am-4pm (8am-5pm available) | Tennis, Kwik Cricket, Football, Basketball, Bench ball, Arts and Crafts, Games, Athletics, Uni-Hockey, Dodgeball and Parachute games £24/day, £16/half day, early drop-off/late stay £5 each, sibling/group discounts available. www.uplaysports.co.uk | |
| Tennis Summer Camps | 5-14 | HGS Tennis Courts | Tues 24 July- Fri24 Aug 9am-12noon | The programme caters for all levels with an emphasis on tactical games and exercises and fun tournaments at the end of the week. We also do split day Tennis morning and Camp Adventure afternoon. £16/half day www.uplaysports.co.uk | 07527 640599 |
| Summer Football | 6-14 | The Arena in Baldock | Tues-Thurs: 31Jul-2Aug 14-16 Aug 21-23 Aug 28-30 Aug 9.30am- 3.30pm | Fun football courses coached by our FA qualified Hitchin Town 1st Team players & staff. Learn new tricks & skills throughout the day and put them all to practice in a mini-tournament at the end. Games, penalty shoot-outs and lots more! HTFC gifts and special prizes for star players. £20/child/day and £55/child/week. Registration forms online www.northhertsarena.co.uk | 01462 720088 |
| AS Roma Camp | | | Wed8Aug - Fri10Aug & 9.30-3.30 | One of Europe's biggest football clubs is offering the chance to all football-mad boys and girls, aged 6 to 14, to learn the tricks and techniques of Italian champions. The participants will be divided into groups according to age and ability, to ensure a training program tailored to individual skills. In addition to twice daily training sessions there is a lunch provided along with a varied free time program. £125/week More details online www.northhertsarena.co.uk | |
| Multi-Active Holiday Weeks | 5-12 | Priory School, Bedford Road, Hitchin | Mon23- Fri27July To w/b Mon13Aug 9am-4pm | Action-packed weeks of activities that include our Multi-Activity Day alongside our Super Hero Academy, Secret Agent Academy and the Adventure Expedition, £17.99 per day. Sibling discount available. Childcare vouchers accepted. Extended hours now available. Bookings must be made in advance. www.multi-active.co.uk | 07561 416208 |
| | | Garden City Academy, Radburn Way | Every week in August 9am-4pm | | |
| Touchline Soccer | 5-14 | Letchworth Corner Sports Club | Mon30Jul- Wed1 Aug & Mon20-Wed22 Aug 10am-3pm | Fun packed football games and competitions. Children grouped by age and ability. One day £28, two days £55, 3 days £65. 25% sibling discount for bookings of 3 days. Application and more details including equipment and food requirements can be found on www.touchlinesoccer.co.uk or email: leon@touchlinesoccer.co.uk | Leon 07736 713695 |
| World Cup Football Fun Weeks | 4-14 | St Christopher School | Tues31Jul- Thurs2Aug & Tues14- Thurs16 Aug 10am-4pm | FEATURING • Shooting • Passing • Turning • Free Kicks & Penalties • Crossbar Challenge • Bin Challenge • Penalty Challenge • Small Sided World Cup Games Prizes and Medals for everyone £26/1 day, £52/2 days, £65/3days. Discount for siblings. www.grassroots-soccer.com | 07735 466075 |
| Ickle Drama Summer Course | 5-14 | Ickleford Village Hall | Mon30Jul-Fri3 Aug 10am –3.30pm | Become an actor for 5 days and put on a musical! This year's show TBC £90 / student. Performance @ 2pm on 5 August. Tickets cost £3 www.ickledrama.co.uk | Valerie 07961 426268 |

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| Barracudas Activity Day Camps | 5-16 | St Christopher School | Mon23July- Fri17Aug 8.30am- 5.30pm | The camp offers a huge variety of activities from sports to arts and crafts. If your child is sporty, we offer traditional sports, such as football and basketball, as well as new sports like Kinball and Futsal. We even offer fencing and archery! For more creative children, we have many craft, dance and drama based sessions. We also offer Skills Builder courses: Motor Mania, Swim School, Lab Rats and Upstage. Half hour early and late clubs available £169 per week/£43 daily. Discounts for multiple dates/children. www.barracudas.co.uk | 0845 123 5299 |
| Trampoline Courses | 5 - adult | Hitchin Boys Sports Centre | Monday23Jul- Thurs16Aug 10am-4pm | This Summer Holiday, HBS Revolutions are offering Trampoline and Double-Mini Trampoline Courses. All of our Courses are open to both Members and Non-members. Never tried Trampoline before? Our coaches will teach you some awesome skills whilst you are with us – why not come down and try out our new Holiday sessions! Open to ages 3yrs and up, including adults for Trampoline Courses. Please note that children under 5yrs for Trampoline will require a parent/guardian to remain on-site throughout their session. From 1 hour sessions, through to all day clubs, see website for price details. For information email hbssports@hitchinboys.co.uk www.hbssportscentre.co.uk | 01462 459270 |
| FREE Dancemania | 7-17 | Brotherhood Hall, Gernon Road | Starts Tues31st July. Then every Tues & Fri in August 7-12yrs 2-3pm Teens 3-4pm | Summer holiday streetdance classes – all abilities welcome. Professional dance tutor Kerry from Streetdance Productions will help the dancers to develop their skills, learn new routines and have fun! After school classes from Fridays 7th Sept – 9th Nov. Dancers can choose to take part in the Dancemania show at the Gordon Craig Theatre. www.streetdanceproductions.com | 07940 715702 |
| Holiday Club | School years 1-6 | Kings Community Church, Whiteway, Letchworth | Weds1stAug- Fri3rdAug 10-12.30 | Fun, Games, Stories, Crafts & Refreshments Book early – Limited Places. | 01462 677250 |
| Netball Summer Camps | 8-14 | Hitchin Girls School | Thurs26 – Fri27 Jul & Mon20- Tues21Aug 10am-3pm | The sessions will involve warm ups, fundamental skills work including footwork, ball handling, shooting practice, small sided games, matchplay tactics and fun tournaments. £35/1 day, £60/2 days www.uplaysports.co.uk | 07527 640599 |
| | 8-14 | St Francis College | Wed25 & Thurs26Jul 10am-3pm | | |

For information, signposting and support for parents and carers of disabled children and those with additional needs across Herts contact your local KIDS Hub www.KIDS.org.uk/hub

**For more ideas visit / contact the Tourist Information Centre on Station Road, Letchworth, Tel 01462 487868
www.lechworthgc.com**

For events in Hitchin visit www.hitchinpartnership.org/

Letchworth Partnership of Schools



**STRUGGLING
IN THE
SUMMER
HOLIDAYS!!**



Family Support Workers from the Letchworth Partnership of Schools will be in Howard Park every Wednesday in August from 11am until 4pm.

Come and have a chat, get some support, advice & signposting.

We will be joined by staff from Children's Centre and Letchworth Mind Network.

Fun stuff for the kids available as well



Place: Howard Park (Paddling Pool), Norton Way South, Letchworth, SG6 1NY

Dates: 01/8, 08/8, 15/8, 22/8, 29/8

Times: 11-4pm