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Family Holidays

Ahhh ...The Easter holidays are coming at last!

What could be better than heading for the coast for a well earned break?

Haven Parks, dotted all round the coastline, have just opened and are all set to welcome families for some Easter Fun. All the family can join the *Wildlife Detectives* on a Spring walk with a difference, as they go in search of the **Easter Bunny**.

In the kids clubs they will make Easter bonnets and later join the characters in the parade. **Jamie Thomson** from *Haven's* entertainment team says "we know everyone loves all the traditional aspects of Easter. It's expected, but we also like to offer something a little different at *Haven*. This year we're showcasing **Streetball Extreme**, the best of urban talent in the UK including breakdancers, street dancers and free style tricksters – you can see them on mid week breaks at all parks."

The very first *Haven's* **Talented Seaside** competition will take place during the Easter holidays too. So members of families can come along and sing a song, dance their socks off or captivate fellow guests with magician's skills. The favourite acts will be entered into the fantastic

prize draw to win a VIP weekend for the family in London or £1000 cash prize so make sure they take take along their props, costume or instrument!

Evening entertainment includes performances from **Same Difference**, **Ray Lewis** from *The Drifters*, **Sonya, Stavros** and **Bucks Fizz** featuring **Bobby G**.

At *Haven* they know that every family is different, some like to explore the local area, some build sandcastles, some are campy and like to try out new things. Whatever they have it,

Easter Breaks start from just £149 for a 3 night break in standard accommodation sleeping up to six people at selected *Haven Parks* during the Easter holidays. The price also includes the entertainment, use of heated indoor pools (many with slides and flumes), sports activities and kids clubs.

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Events and festivals to dazzle Tenerife in 2012!

The largest island in the Canaries, the *Isla de Contrasts*, lives up to its nickname perfectly with a whole host of colourful events and festivals running throughout the year. In 2012, *Tenerife* has something to suit every visitor – cultural events, religious festivals, concerts and one of the largest carnivals in the world! **28th-29nd April 2012**

Marking the start of Tenerife's religious festival period, the *Fiesta of Teqeste* sees thousands of people dress in traditional costume to honour of Saint Mark the Evangelist. During the event, dozens of colourfully-decorated floats parade down the streets of the village accompanied by singing and dancing groups, while local people hand out potatoes, gofio, meat, eggs and wine from the area in order to symbolise friendship. The following morning (29th April), visitors and locals celebrate the "Day of the Float" as a procession of beautifully-decorated floats wows spectators.

Rock Coast Festival, Santa Cruz

24th-26th May 2012
This year, the island's cosmopolitan capital, *Santa Cruz*, is set to welcome some of the world's greatest pop groups, rock stars and

electronic musicians at the **Rock Coast Festival**. With big names due to be announced, the artists expected to perform boast a combined total of more than 270 million records sold between them – prompting the musical extravaganza to be dubbed "the most important music event to be held in the Canary Islands" by José Manuel Bermúdez, mayor of the capital's City Hall. Benefiting from a €5 million investment, visitors will be able to enjoy 15 hours of music each day and daily entertainment, such as a Formula 1 simulator, a ski slope and wind tunnel allowing visitors to feel the force of freefall.

Corpus Christi Carpets, La Orotava

14th June 2012
Corpus Christi is arguably the most famous and inspiring of *Tenerife's* religious festivals, centred around vast intricate and coloured carpets – superbly created from flower petals and volcanic sands – which are laid out in the streets for all to admire. The highlight of the festival is a tapestry of 800 square metres covering the centre square in front of *La Orotava's* Town Hall. Petals and sand from the protected *Teide National Park*, which can only be used for this event, are used to create this gigantic

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piece of art, which only lasts a few hours until the *Procession of Christ* takes place across the square.

Festival of Virgen del Carmen, Puerto de la Cruz

10th or 17th July 2012 (date to be confirmed)
Each year, the fishing port of *Puerto de la Cruz* comes alive to honour Virgen del Carmen, the patron saint of fishermen. During the tradition, devoted locals carry a statue of the Virgin Mary to a small boat, preceded by dancers with coloured ribbons, before dozens of fishing boats sound their horns and accompany the Virgin as they sail along the coast. Back on land, the fiesta continues with an amazing fireworks display and then transfers to the streets of the town before the statues are returned to their sanctuaries.

Persid Meteor Shower, Teide National Park

12th August 2012
The *Persid Meteor Shower* is undeniably one of the greatest natural wonders in the universe. The annual spectacle brings a dazzling light show with more than 60 shooting stars zipping across the sky every hour, caused by tiny particles of debris from a comet burning up when entering the Earth's atmosphere at 135,000mph.

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Egg-Citing Easter at Chesil Vista

Chesil Vista Holiday Park in Weymouth, Dorset has an egg-sira special entertainment schedule planned for the forthcoming Easter holidays, which begins on **Saturday 31 March** and continues until **Saturday 14 April**. In addition to the park's usual entertainment programme of quality live cabaret acts, the family-friendly holiday park will also be putting on an action-packed Easter programme which is sure to leave all *Chesil Vista* kids extremely egg-saused! Seven night Easter holidays at *Chesil Vista* start from £335.00. Special Easter holiday offers are also available including:

'Easter Treat' – nine nights for the price of seven **Thurs 29 March to Sat 7 April or Sat 7 April to Mon 16 April** – prices from £335.00
'Pre-Easter' (Sat 31 March to Thurs 5 April) and **'Post-Easter'** (Thurs 10th to Sat 14 April) breaks from £255.00
'Easter Mini Break' (Thurs 5 April – Tuesday 10 April) priced from £295.00

For more information www.chesilholiday.co.uk
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Can be booked with just a £60 deposit.

The AA winners of the Campsite of the Year for Britain and Ireland

The AA has announced the winners of the **Campsite of the Year Awards for Britain and Ireland** to coincide with the launch of the *AA Caravan and Camping Britain and Ireland Guide 2012*.

AA Best Campsite of the Year England and Overall Winner – **Devon**
Details of all the award-winning sites can be found in the new *AA Caravan and Camping Britain and Ireland Guide 2012*. The guide features over 900 annually inspected and rated sites giving details of location, **AA Pennant rating****, contact details, prices, opening times and a description as well as local information.

David Hancock, editor of the guide, commented, "I wish to congratulate all our winners who have been awarded in recognition of exceptional quality and attention to detail across their parks and who are included in a feature in the *AA Caravan and Camping Britain and Ireland Guide 2012*. The guide also lists local attractions near each location, nearby pubs and restaurants under each site entry. 'Best For' lists to help campers find stunning views or the best parks to go

Glamping, the name for push camping, as well as colourful, fully updated introductions to key destination countries, and a section containing 20 new walks and cycle rides."

The guide also carries a selection of interesting and informative features on subjects ranging from 'A weekend in a classic VW Camper Van', 'A look at camping technology' and 'A day in the life of a campsite inspector'.

The AA also offers the **AA Camping Card Scheme** for 2012. With the AA Camping Card, users will qualify for reduced rates at participating sites. Card holders will simply need to state that they are using an AA Camping Card when they phone to book a site and show the card on arrival. The types of discounts vary from site to site, details of which will be given when contacting the site. An AA Camping Card is included in every *AA Caravan and Camping Britain and Ireland Guide 2012*.

AA Caravan and Camping Britain and Ireland Guide 2012, is available from theAA.com/shop for £9.99.

Easter Family Package

The latest snowfalls in Austria just cry for some more skiing this season. Enjoy some Easter family skiing in the **Großarl-Dorfgastein** ski area, part of Ski amud. With cosy suites, gourmet cuisine, outstanding childcare, amazing location and a working bio-farm, the **Moar-Gut** is a great family destination.

7 nights from **7th to 14th April** for two adults and two children (up to 12 years) starting from EUR 2,400.— (GBP 2,040.—) all inclusive.

Also included are two 6-day ski passes for the parents, ski passes for children up to the age of 15, and two wellness vouchers worth EUR 35.— (GBP 30.—) each. Flights (to Salzburg) and transfers are not included. More information: www.moargut.com, www.kinderhotels.co.uk (direct link to the package)

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Family Holidays

Fun for all the Family

Canvas Holidays FamilyExtra activities have been added to the phenomenal activity programme for *Canvas*.

Swimming and sunbathing are typically things you associate with going on holiday. This year *Canvas*, alongside specialist outdoor activities company, **In2Action**, introduce new activities, including *Bodyzorbing*, *Balanceability* and *Mini Fence* to the *FamilyExtra* programme to a selection of sites across Europe.

Body Zorbing
Have a go at one of the latest extreme sports! If you've ever fancied stepping into a giant plastic ball and rolling around at high speed then *Body Zorbing* is the one for you. Kids can play a variety of games from inside the bodyzorb, including *Bodyzorb Football*, *Bodyzorb Rugby* and *Bodyzorb Battle*.

Mini-Fence
Capture the children's imaginations with fencing. Teaching them discipline, control and hand eye coordination, the fencing system has been developed with the assistance of the *British Fencing Association (BFA)*, making it accessible for young children. Brightly coloured weapons and masks

will charm the children and the session offers a practical exercise solution, as well as a springboard to get involved with this fantastic sport.

Cool Detectives / CSI
These spy-themed sessions can fit any age group. Bring out the detective in the kids by letting them learn how to solve a crime using available evidence. The children will be told about a 'crime' that has taken place within the camp and will then be able to follow a trail of clues around the holiday village, which will include footprints and clothing items.

Handball
Sessions available on all *FamilyExtra* and *Hoop's Club* (the *Canvas Holidays* children's club) campsites. The whole family can get involved in sport which will feature in these years' *London Olympics*.

Balanceability
A learn to cycle programme for children aged 2 ½ to 6 years old. These sessions help develop confidence, spatial awareness, dynamic balance and the skills to ride a bike without stabilisers.

Check campsites for activity availability and age groups. For more information on *Canvas Holidays* see

www.canvasholidays.co.uk or call **0845 268 0857**

Blowing the Whistle on the General Dental Council.

Traditional train tracks create flat faces, big noses and tired looking eyes: if you doubt this, just look at those who have been treated in the past. They also routinely damage the enamel and roots of the teeth and worse still the teeth go crooked again unless the patient wears a brace for the rest of their life. Extractions of sound teeth are almost always required although patients may not be told about this until near the end of treatment. Newer treatments can achieve better and more permanent results without extractions but orthodontists avoid comparative research as they don't want the damage they do to faces to be exposed.

Worst of all the General Dental Council allows orthodontists to withhold information about some newer methods. This leaves many patients accepting extractions and even major surgery unaware that improved techniques can render them unnecessary. If you have suffered you are entitled to compensation.

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What's On

Penshurst Place & Gardens

The Seven Wonders of the Weald announce that **Penshurst Place & Gardens** has accepted an invitation to join the *Seven Wonders of the Weald* tourism partnership. **Peter D'Aguiar** of *Bedbury National Pinetum & Forest*, a member of the *Seven Wonders* partnership for 7 years said,

www.sevenwonders.org.uk

Literacy Club Easter Holidays 2012

Expert tuition for 5-11 year olds at The Anchor School, Roschill, Sutton.

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Saturday mornings 9.30am – 10.30am
£21.50 per session, 3 children to one teacher

Call Wendy Holmes, Curriculum Director on 0208 286 3069 for further details of the school, the Literacy Club or Saturday mornings.

www.anchor.school.co.uk

Reigate and Banstead Kids Urged to get on their Bikes in National Competition

Kids, parents and teachers across Reigate and Banstead will be getting on their bikes for the journey to school this March as part of **Sustrans Big Pedal** – with top prizes up for grabs for the schools that involve most people.

The Big Pedal is the UK's biggest school cycling competition to get kids active and raise money for the charity **Sustrans**. Nearly half of all children want to be able to get to school by bike but only four per cent do – the three week competition will show children and their parents just how easy it is to get around on two wheels.

Simon Pratt Sustrans Regional Director for the South East said,

"Last year's Big Pedal saw children from more than 800 schools across the UK making nearly a million journeys by bike. "This year's race will see even more families discovering just how easy it is to do the school run on two wheels.

"Children that cycle to school regularly are more active and more alert and better learners."

The race is funded by **Bike Hub**, the Association of bike

traders. **Phillip Darnton** Executive Director of the *Bicycle Association* added, "The future of cycling depends on every generation of kids learning and wanting to cycle. What better way to get started than joining in the Big Pedal.

"The cycle industry through its **Bike Hub** levy is delighted to fund this event for another year. 2012 is a very special year; the **Big Pedal** marks the start if the **Summer of Cycling** – a new campaign bringing together everyone who cycles and encouraging them to introduce one new-comer to cycling during the year.

"That's why the **Big Pedal** is aiming for 1000 schools to sign up and one million journeys to be made."

To get your school involved in the **Big Pedal** go to: <http://thebigpedal.org.uk/>

Little Tikes Gives Toddlers Their Very Own First Slide!

The **Little Tikes First Slide** provides toddlers with a chance to get active and adventurous all year round, while for parents, this quality piece of play equipment is fantastic value for money at just £29.99!

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The Forge in Camden are now hosting regular **Children's Music Workshops** run by experienced workshop leaders. The workshops will give children the opportunity to be part of a fun and interactive music session where they can learn how to play and have fun with different musical instruments. This is a great way to introduce and encourage your children into music. All children must be accompanied by an adult and parents can enjoy brunch in the



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The Forge in Camden

courtyard while keeping an eye on the workshop! Workshops are divided into two sessions: 1-4 year old sessions run from 11-11.45pm 5-8 year old sessions run from 12.15 - 1.00pm
Upcoming Workshop Dates:
Saturday 10th March
Saturday 24th March
Saturday 14th March
www.forgevenue.org/whats-on/eventdetails/25-feb-12-childrens-music-workshop-ages-14yrs-the-forge/

The Science Museum Live is on at the **Churchill Theatre**, Bromley **Wed 14 March 7pm, Thu 15 March 1.30pm.** Tickets £15.50, Children £13.50, Family Ticket (4) £52
Book on **0844 871 7620 (hkg fee)** www.atgickets.com

A brief history of the Science Museum
The Science Museum as an institution has been in existence for about a century and a half.

It has its origins in the *Great Exhibition of 1851*, held in Hyde Park in the huge glass building known as the Crystal Palace.

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The Science Museum Live

The Science Museum Live brings the excitement of *The Science Museum* to the stage, featuring spectacular science, dangerous demonstrations and extraordinary experiments in this entertaining and educational live show. Featuring interactive sets, pyrotechnics and digital projections, the action is interspersed with web cam footage from inside the **Science Museum** as well as exclusive footage of some of the nation's scientific treasures stored at Wroughton in Wiltshire and *Blythe House* in Kensington.

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and called the *South Kensington Museum*. From 1862 major objects from the *Patent Office Museum* were displayed at the South Kensington Museum, including the steam locomotives **Puffing Billy** and **Stephenson's Rocket**. These objects were formally transferred to the *South Kensington Museum* in 1883, bringing into the Museum's collection some of its most famous objects. In December 1931, the then Director of the Museum, **Colonel Sir Henry Lyons**, opened a children's gallery, the first of its kind in any museum in the world. The aim was to stimulate the interest and curiosity of children in science and technology using simple and attractive

The Second World War closed the Museum completely, with most of the collection removed to storage away from London. Some smaller objects from the collection were stored in disused tunnels of the *London Underground*. The Museum didn't properly reopen until about 1950. At the start of a new millennium the Museum has expanded into a new extension called the Wellcome Wing, opened in June 2000 by HM the Queen. *The Wellcome Wing* houses exhibitions of present and future science and technology.

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'*Merlin's Dragon*' is spearheading **Spotlites** at **Kings Theatre's** 2012 Spring season, which brings interactive fun for all the family to enjoy. This February half-term brings an array of **Spotlites'** unique interactive plays and drama workshops, including **'Peter Pan on Dinosaur Island'**, **'Rapunzel - May the Force be with you!'**, **'Magic Porridge Pot'** and **'The Enormous Turnip'**. Running until April, **'Merlin's Dragon'** tells the story of Merlin's quest to defeat the evil Sorceress, Nimue, the Lady of the Lake. On his journey, he is aided by an ancient and wise Dragon, a no-nonsense Princess and the White Knight, Sir Lancelot. Can they overcome the floods of Avalon forever? Children join in throughout this interactive production for 5-12 year olds! Shoot firebolts with the Dragon! Joust with Sir Lancelot, the White Knight! Vanquish evil knights with real battleaxes!

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"So perfect" *ThreeWeeks* on **'The Enormous Turnip'**. Also, don't miss **'Spotlites'** Drama Workshops for 5-12s! You drop your children off and they do the workshop on their own. Each workshop costs £5. *"Wow-tastic"* *British Theatre Guide*

They have workshops on these themes: lightsabres ready in *'Star Wars: Jedi Knight Academy'*; save *Far Far Away* from *Prince Charming* in *'Shrek'*; *Sonic Sarevdrivers* at the ready in *'Doctor Who'*; outwit Miss Trunchbull and escape *Bonercruncher* in *'Roald Dahl's Matilda & BFG'* and face *Wizards and Werewolves* in *'Wizards of Waverly Place'*!

Book online at www.spotlites.co.uk
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Dance, Drama & Music

Swallows And Amazons Brings Easter Fun To The Marlowe Theatre

The brand-new *Marlowe Theatre* in Canterbury will be entertaining young audiences over the Easter holidays with a brilliantly entertaining new musical version of the classic children's book **Swallows And Amazons**. **Swallows and Amazons** tells the story of four children who set off on a boat for a very special adventure to the magical *Wildcat Island* – meeting some dastardly pirates along the way!

Running between **Tuesday 3 and Saturday 7 April**, this action packed musical adventure has been created by the director of the smash-hit play *War Horse*. The perfect Easter treat for those aged 6yrs and above, tickets are available from only £10 and under 16yrs go half price.

Tickets can be booked on **01227 787787** or via www.marlowetheatre.com



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Daily London Zoo Regent's Park London 020 77223333 Rainforest Life Exhibit, experience the sights sounds, smells of the rainforest & come face to face with amazing rainforest species including monkeys such as the armadillo, tamandua plus there's a special Night Life area, where you'll discover bats, rats & other nocturnal creatures that dwell in the dark.

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Ongoing Natural History Museum Ice Rink 020 7942 5000 Attracting beginners & advanced skaters alike plus a café bar serving food plus hot & cold drinks. Also on offer a children's rink & a fairground carousel & lots more.

Ongoing Imperial War Museum Lambeth Road 020 7416 5439 The Holocaust Exhibition, children 14+yrs. **Ongoing** Extraordinary Heroes exhibition

Ongoing Undercover – Life in Churchill's Bunker. Until 30 Oct Once Upon A Wartime: Classic War Stories for Children.

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Every Sun National Gallery www.nationalgallery.org.uk 020 7747 2885 Family workshops for families bringing paintings alive & listening to a themed story on the magic carpet, plus **FREE** family trail.

Every Sun Hildreth Street Market Balham SW12 Street Market with fresh food traders sourced from all over London.

Every Sun South London Gallery 65 Peckham Road 020 7703 6120 Hands on workshops for families led by gallery artists.

Every Mon Blenheim Children & Family Centre Bromley 01689 879145 **Tues, Wed & Fri** morning toddlers activities.

Every Sun Lloyd Park 020 8726 6000 Health walk circular through Lloyd Park & Shirley on mainly flat terrain, ideal for beginners, 2 miles last approx 1hr, meet 11am **FREE** & same walk on potentially hilly terrain, 3-miles ideal for advanced walkers, 2pm, **FREE** weekly timed park run, needs to register first time.

Every Mon on Parchmore Community Centre 53-55 Parchmore Road 020 8726 6000 x88965 Circuit for those new to exercise, returning after illness & the more mature exerciser.

Every Tues Coudson Library 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers, Wiggle & Jiggle, 2-4yrs. **Every Thurs** Storytime, 2-½yrs. **Every Sat** Storytime, under 7's. **FREE.**

Every Tues Ashburton Library 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers. **Every Thurs** Wiggle & Jiggle for toddlers. **Every Mon** Chatterbooks drop in sessions, 8-11yrs. **Every Sat** Rock & Rhyme for babies & toddlers. **Every Wed** Social club for older people for a chat & a cup of tea. **Every Thurs** term time only storytime for under 7's. **FREE.**

Every Tues Purley Library 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers & Wiggle & Jiggle, toddlers over 18mths. **Every Fri** Storytime 2 ½yrs.

Every Sat Rock & Rhyme for babies & toddlers. **FREE.**

Every Tues Centrale Shopping Centre Croydon www.centrale.co.uk In the Early Learning Centre playtime sessions for children, all ages with all kinds of arts & arts from making face masks, cards, painting, colouring or just play. **FREE.** 10-12pm, **Tel: 020 8686 7535.**

Every Tues Thornton Heath Library 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers. **FREE.**

Every Tues Horley Library 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers. **FREE.**

Every Fri of each month Chertsey Museum 01932 575370 Museum Monkeys sessions for under 5's with music, sing-a-long & craft activities for toddlers &

their carers. **Until 28 April** 12 The Fabulous Fifties new display in the Discovery Zone contrasts domestic life in the 1850's with that in the 1950's. **Until 25 Aug** A Dress for all Seasons exhibition features 200 years of seasonal clothes & accessories from the Olive Mathews Collection. There will also be an opportunity for visitors to dress up in seasonal garments.

Every Fri Pavillion Leisure Centre Kentish Way Bromley 020 8313 9911 Families & under 11's Roller Disco sessions, 4.30-5.45pm & Families & under 16's Roller Disco sessions with full skate & safety equipment provided, doors open 6.15pm, **Tel: 0970 266790.**

Every Fri Bradmore Green Library Old Coudson 020 8726 6900 X64952 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers. **Every Mon** Storytime 2 ½yrs & Chatterbooks reading group for 8-11yrs. **Fortnightly** **Every Fri Broad Green Library** 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime 0-5yrs. **Fortnightly** on Sat Rock & Rhyme for pre-school children. **Every Wed** Harry Crafty computers drop in sessions for under 5's, parents & carers. **FREE.**

Every Fri South Norwood Library 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers. **Every Tues** Wiggle & Jiggle, 2-4yrs. **Alternate Sat** Rock & Rhyme or Storytime. **FREE.**

Every Fri Shirley Library 020 8253 1023 Bookstart rhymetime for babies & toddlers, Wiggle & Jiggle for 18mths+. **Every Thurs** Storytime for 2 ½yrs. **Every Sat** Rock & Rhyme for babies & toddlers. **Monthly** story & craft workshops, 5-10yrs.

Every Fri New Addington Library 020 8253 1023 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers & Wiggle & Jiggle, 18mths+. **FREE.**

Every Thurs South Norwood Leisure Centre 164 Portland Road 020 8726 6000 x88965 Acquiesce sessions.

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children. **Every Sat** Rock & Rhyme for pre-schoolers. 1st - 4yrs of the month Arty Crafty, 4-8yrs plus parents & siblings. **Every Sat afternoon** teenage reading group. **Last Thurs** of month **Arti Waddon Ponds & Wandle Park** 020 8656 5947 Circular walk through Waddon Ponds & Wandle Park, 2-3 miles, meet outside 11am, **FREE.**

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3 Mar The Foundling Museum 40 Brunswick Square 020 7841 3600 Explore the exhibition Quentin Blake, as large as life in session aimed at 3-12yrs.

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3 Mar Sunset House Strand 020 7845 4600 Family workshops & for under 5's story, drama & crafting sessions. Marbling Marvelling, learn the craft of paper marbling. **FREE.**

10 Mar Parallel Lines. **FREE.**

17 Mar Bring Green an exploration & celebration of the colour green. **FREE.**

24 Mar Flower Power. **FREE.**

31 Mar Dreamtime Treasures. Mini Make Believe workshops, 4 Mar Mad March Hares with songs, stories and bounce hats, 2-5yrs. **FREE.**

3 Mar Museum of London Docklands No 1 Warehouse West India Quay Hertsmer Road London 020 7001 9844 A whale's tale create a short story book about these mysterious creatures, 5+yrs. **FREE.**

3-4 Mar Bourne Hall Museum Epsom 020 8394 1734 Herald of

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310 Mar Davenport's Magic Theatre Strand London 020 7836 0408 The Magic Symphony magic show for the whole family, staged around the theatre & the theatre orchestra.

3-10 Mar Olympic Park Aquatics Centre British Swimming Championships (50m), the event is part of the London Prepares series which will allow London 2012 organisers to road test Olympic venues before the games begin. www.londonprepareseries.com

3.10.17.24 Mar Hormanam Museum London Road Forest Hill 020 8699 1872 Hands on

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To enter visit the Sport Relief website at <http://my.sportrelief.com/search/event/result?id=878&location=maidstone>

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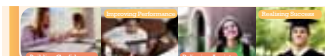
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To find out more call Ian Young at **St Lawrence College** 01843 587666 eastercamp@slcuk.com



Top 10 tips to encourage kids to clean their teeth

- 1. Always clean your teeth** at the same time as your child. Children love to imitate grownups so if you're cleaning your teeth the likelihood is they will want to copy.
- 2. Use a toothpaste especially designed for kids** as they taste naturally sweet and will make teeth cleaning a more pleasant experience. Young children will often swallow toothpaste so choose a fluoride-free option such as Organic Kids Tooth Gel by Lavera www.lavera.co.uk.
- 3. Use a brightly coloured toothbrush.** Kids are attracted more to vibrant colours and will relish the prospect of cleaning their teeth if their toothbrush is bold and bright.
- 4. Negotiation can be a powerful tool** when bringing up children. Say that if they clean their teeth well for three minutes morning and night, they will be rewarded with something they enjoy such as a trip to the park or their favourite story.
- 5. Introduce teeth cleaning into the morning and bedtime routine.** E.g. if you always do bath, pyjamas, teeth and story in that order, then your child will soon come to realise that teeth cleaning is all part of their normal routine.
- 6. If your child wants to brush your teeth, let them.** This will give you an ideal opportunity to brush their teeth – brushing each other's teeth can be a great fun which associates laughter and fun with teeth cleaning.
- 7. Let them know they're being kind to the planet.** Monte Bianco toothbrushes come with detachable heads which means that less plastic ends up in landfill. Children will love to learn how their actions are helping to save the earth.
- 8. Use two brushes:** while very young children may be keen to hold their own toothbrush, the brushing which results can be ineffectual. Give them a toothbrush to hold to distract them from you, cleaning their teeth with the other brush.
- 9. If all else fails,** give your child's teeth a gentle brush when they are asleep. Young children sleep so deeply that this shouldn't wake them but will allow you to get rid of any unsightly build up on the teeth.
- 10. If you're still not having any luck, don't push it** for a day or two as this will only serve to associate frustration and upset with teeth cleaning. Instead, get everyone else in the family to clean their teeth while your child looks on, ensuring that you laugh and smile at the same time. Children hate to think they're missing out so will soon want to be in on all the fun!

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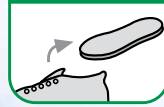
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