

# HIPPOS



HIPPOS is an informal support group, run by parents, for parents and carers of children with special needs living in Oxfordshire. Children welcome. A member of staff from one of the local children's centres is available at meetings to play with children so you have a chance to listen to talks/chat to members!! Meetings are free.

Where and When? - 9.30 am - 11.30 am on the first Thursday of every month in term time. We meet at the Marston/Northway Children's Centre, New Marston Primary School, Copse Lane, Headington, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX3 0AY.

6 October - [Gail Hanrahan - Transition Support Service Coordinator for Oxfordshire Family Support Network \(OxFSN\)](#)

The talk will provide general information about the transition to adulthood process. What should happen, when it should happen and parents and young people's role in the process. I'll talk about how OxFSN can help e.g. the guide, the fair and workshops, as well a helping families to start planning for the future in a person centred way, there will be advice about where they can find further information and help.

3 November - [Rachel Dennett - Chair of OASIS \(OASIS offers information and support to parents and carers of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders\)](#) will give an informal talk about Autism and Aspergers and how OASIS can provide support. Their web site is: <http://www.oasonline.org.uk>

1 December - [Nicola Lathey - Specialist Speech and Language Therapist.](#) Nicola will talk about the 12 Top Tips for developing Speech, Language and communication skills and answer any questions you have about your child's communication. She will also talk about how a private Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) can work together with your NHS SLT to enhance your child's communication as she has just opened up a private SLT practice in central Oxford.

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