



Newsletter

Children's Centre

January 2016



Parent Feedback

Thank you to all those who returned a feedback form last term. 60 parents completed a form and many offered help with fundraising and made suggestions about how we can improve our services even more. See the displays at both sites to see all the comments and our response to your suggestions.

Overall 98% of parents felt that the Stay and Play sessions were good or excellent in terms of supporting children's learning and development.

83% had been given advice or been made aware of other services through the children's centre and 47% had accessed services as a result.

Some of your feedback to us included:

"Its all good keep up the good work"

"very supportive" , " you're doing a great job"

"we would like more Stay and Play sessions"

Post natal groups

These are aimed at first time Parents. The groups run on Wednesday afternoons for 3 weeks and provide an opportunity to meet other mums in the area and to find out more about the amazing way in which your child develops during the first few months. We cover topics such as sleep, communication development, safety, weaning and care of new teeth.

For more information call Jackie or add your name to the waiting list for the next course by ringing Sarah on 01306 740095



The Volunteers at King George V Pavilion have very kindly donated £150 to the Children's Centre. This money was raised at various events held at the Pavilion before Christmas.

Thank you very much to all those who volunteer there and to those of you who supported their events. The money has been spent on resources to support families and to help re-stock the Toy Library.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Janet, from Citizens Advice comes into our Centre on Goodwyns Road every Tuesday from 10am-12pm.



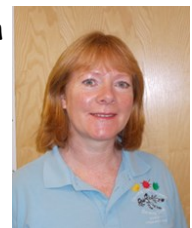
From February onwards she will not be at the Centre every week but you can ring her and she will arrange to meet you either at the Children's Centre of in town.

Please ask us for her contact details

Staff Changes

It is with sadness that we have to let you know that Angela will be leaving us at half term. She has worked at the Children's Centre since it opened and was a Playlink visitor before that.

We will all miss Angela and wish her well in the future.



See our new Spring Term Programme for more details of sessions and services available at the Children's Centre

BABY MASSAGE CLASSES

These have proved to be very popular and we apologise to all those who wanted to do the classes but we have been unable to offer you a place.

This term we will be running 2 courses, but we are already oversubscribed for them.

The classes are aimed at babies under 6 months old and cost £15 for 4 weeks.

FREE Early Education for 2 year olds

You could qualify for 15 hours of free child-care a week. To find out more come in and speak to one of the Children's Centre team or go on line at www.surreycc.gov.uk/feet



We are happy to help you fill in forms or put you in touch with pre-schools in your area. We also have a free bag of books to give to all those who are eligible for this 2 year old funding, so give us a call and find out if you are one of the lucky ones!

Dads' group

We hold a Dads' and male carers' group at the Goodwyns Road site on the first Saturday of each month.

The next groups will be on
January 9th
February 6th
March 5th 2016
10am-12pm

We ask for a donation of £1.50 plus a contribution towards the bacon butties

To find out more speak to Natalie Grace on 01306 740095.



Family First Aid

This is always a popular course so we will be running 2 Family First Aid courses this term as well as an evening course in April 2016. If you would like to put your name on the waiting list for one of these courses please ring Sarah on 01306 740095 or Becky on 01306 882397

Once we have confirmed your place on a First Aid course, we ask for a £5 booking fee to secure your place. This helps us cover the administrative costs of running these workshops

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NEW FOR 2016

Conversation Café.



This group is held monthly at West Street and is a group to support parents who speak English as an additional language.

There will be others there to chat to and we will provide resources to help develop conversational skills. If you need to bring under 5s with you, they can play in the room alongside the adults.

9.30am-10.30am Wednesday 13th January,
10th February and 9th March

Speech and Language Advice Sessions

If you are concerned that your child may have a speech and language delay, drop in to speak to Helen and Maria at our monthly advice sessions. West Street 10-11am Wednesday 27th January, February 24th and March 23rd

Used Christmas cards and gift boxes

Please save some of your used Christmas cards, pretty non food boxes such as perfume boxes and display boxes. We can always use them for activities and craft in the Centre.

For more information about anything mentioned in this newsletter, pop in and speak to us at either West Street or Goodwyns Road