



### A Sure Start Children's Centre

**'Caring for each other, Sharing with each other, Learning together'**

Dear all,

Isn't the weather lovely now that the children have gone back to school – long may it continue. We hope everyone has had a good first week back especially those going to school for the first time and that there have not been many tears (from children OR parents!) we wish them all much fun with learning.

It's Parents Week 2012 from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October and the special theme is "Make a Moment". This week aims to provide an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the contribution parents make to their children's lives by celebrating the little moments- those times which make the bond between a parent and child special. See: [www.parentsweek.org.uk](http://www.parentsweek.org.uk).

Best wishes

Daphne, Sarah, Yvette and Katie



**Hot off the Press:** The latest copy of Families upon Thames has just arrived in our centre with lots of ideas and activities to do this autumn, please call in and collect a copy soon.

There is a new association for Child minders, called **UK Child-minding Association**, providing professional support, Advice, Information and Guidance through a 24 hour helpline for registered child minders in the UK. [www.ukcma.co.uk](http://www.ukcma.co.uk)

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**Please note the Centre's closure dates: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept, 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10<sup>th</sup> Nov & 15<sup>th</sup> Dec (for First Aid Courses). And 19th December to 1st January 2013 for Christmas Closure.**

#### Announcements

**PEAS:** We are very happy to announce the winner of the Pea growing competition was Alexandra aged 2; she is a regular at the centre with all her family and grew enough peas to have them in a salad! She will be presented with the gardening kit in the next few weeks.

**SAFETY:** [www.hse.gov.uk/entertainment/childrens-play-july-2012.pdf](http://www.hse.gov.uk/entertainment/childrens-play-july-2012.pdf) The Play Safety Forum and the Health and Safety Executive have issued a joint statement highlighting the need to help children learn about risk whilst playing. "The overarching message to all bodies that have an impact on children's play, including school and childcare providers, is that when planning and providing opportunities the goal is not to eliminate risk, but to weigh up the risk and benefits. No child will learn about risk if they are wrapped in cotton wool."

**JOBS:** Thorpe Park is recruiting 50 Customer Service Assistants for Fright Nights over Halloween. Flexible hours available. Contact Job Centre Plus on: 0845 6043719 and quote ref: WYB/36205

**Safety alert - Bumbo** baby seats, Advice from Trading Standards: Bumbo is recalling 4 million seats in the US after children tumbled out and fractured their skulls. The Foam seats are not being recalled in the UK. If you have bought one you can get a free safety kit including straps, instructions and a safety sticker from TOMY UK call on: 01271 336155 or email [Tomy@responseuk.co.uk](mailto:Tomy@responseuk.co.uk)