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March Newsletter (No 25)

A number of weeks have whizzed by so we are very pleased to make contact with you. Spring has sprung judging by the blossom and daffodils in the park, but our thoughts are with families suffering from the aftermath of the floods. You can help by logging on to:

www.mydonate.bt.com/events/surreyfloodappeal/114973, set up by The Community Foundation for Surrey.

A massive thank you to Kelly Frost; one of our parent volunteers; who has shaped, organised and is currently delivering a mini BIG READ to early years settings locally, going out to over 400 children. If you have a child at nursery or Pre-school please look out for any Gruffalo crumble or activities coming home with your child! **Hoping to welcome you at the centre soon. Daphne & team**

NCT Groups need you!

Bumps & Babes and Jack & Jill Playgroups

These much valued playgroups could be in danger of closing if we cannot find enough volunteers to keep them running. They also need volunteer co-ordinators to organise rotas as well as being hands on to open/close, set up toys and help mums with a coffee or two! Could you please spare a few hours on a Monday or Wednesday morning to help us? You'd put a big smile on a lot of little faces if you could. Please contact 0844 2436322 or **weyandoatnctmembership@hotmail.co.uk**

Working with Children Careers Fair

Do you want to work with children? See the attached Surrey County Council careers fair advert for more details: **<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/learning/early-years-and-childcare-practitioners/career-opportunities-in-playwork,-early-years-and-childcare/career-events-working-with-children-and-young-people>**

Cost of Childcare

Family and Childcare Trust would like to hear from you if you feel strongly about making childcare costs more affordable for everyone. For more information follow the link:

<http://fct.ritdns.com/Pages/Category/childcare-costs> If you are interested in sharing your story or know someone who would like to help, please contact Rebecca or Anna on 020 7940 7536 or by email at press@familyandchildcaretrust.org



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Do you have a good work/life balance?

Working Families is the UK's leading work/life balance organisation. For help and advice how to get this right go to: <http://www.workingfamilies.org.uk/>

Hair Straighteners

Hair straighteners can get as hot as an iron. So hot, in fact, you could cook your breakfast on them. Not something you'd want a baby or toddler to touch. The Electrical Safety Council and CAPT have launched a major campaign to raise awareness of hair straightener burns in a bid to tackle the growing number of young children who are seriously injured by hair straighteners.

<http://www.capt.org.uk/Get-involved/Campaigns/Hair-straighteners-campaign>

Blind Cord Safety

A three-year-old boy from Donegal very nearly died last month after his head got caught in a blind cord.

A new European safety standard will be published in the UK in April which, when implemented, will make it a legal requirement for manufacturers and retailers to make blinds safer. However, with an estimated 200 million blinds already installed in the UK, there is an urgent need to inform families about the risks and the links to child development. <http://www.capt.org.uk/search/node/blind%20cords>

Needed/Offered

We are looking for a double buggy for a family that comes to us, if anyone has one that they no longer need please can you let us know.

Also we have a Tomy Bed guard available for anyone that needs one. It has only ever been used on holiday and is available for a toddler going from a cot to a bed.

Junior Tennis in the park starts this Saturday! Tots Tennis from 3-4 years old, plus Mini Tennis age 5-9 years old. prices from £25 per course please e-mail: Elmbridgeparktennis@gmail.com to sign up, or call Phil Parkin on: 07711 576030.

Centre Closure Dates: 8th March, 10th May, 12th July, 15th Sept & 8th Nov. 2014 for First Aid. Monday 14th to Monday 21st April 2014 inclusive for cleaning and Easter, Monday 4th to Saturday 9th August for cleaning.

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