

A Sure Start Children's Centre



Weybridge Children's Centre

Newsletter June 2013

Dear All,

With Father's Day fast approaching on the 16th June we have lots of information this month relating to Dads! This children's centre has a session just for dads and their children every Friday from 9.30-10.30. The website www.dad.info is run by the Family Matters Institute, a charity with a mission to enhance family life and relationships, and they supported over 560,000 dads in 2012 alone! Did you know that children whose dads read regularly with them, do better at school – and fathers who value education and get involved in school life can hugely improve their children's life chances. So why not join in with Father's Story week from 10th -16th June. Find out more at: www.fatherstoryweek.org. Happy Father's Day!

Best Regards

Daphne, Sarah, Yvette and Katie

It is vital to keep the children's centre up-dated on changes in your circumstances, such as change of address, an addition to the family, relationship change or changes to benefit or financial circumstances, especially if you are newly in receipt of income support. As a result we can sign post you to services or benefits that you may not be receiving such as FEET funding:

Free Early Education for Two Year Olds (FEET) is funding from Surrey Early Years and Childcare Service for up to 10 hours of free early education and childcare per week (increasing to 15 hours from September 2013) for families who meet the criteria. To see if your child may be eligible for some free funding please see the link: <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/family-information-service/family-finance/free-early-education-for-two-year-olds-information-for-parents>

Click on the link for a picture of a Pea Plant that one of our families planted at our "Get Reading" Event in March, they have eaten some peas from the plant! <http://www.weybridgecc.org/images/Pea-Plant.jpg>

We value your feedback and comments:

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Centre's closure dates: 13th July, 7th Sept & 9th Nov. (for 1st Aid Courses), and 05th to 10th August for cleaning, Fri 20th Dec to Thurs 02nd Jan 2014.

SLEEP, SEX AND SACRIFICE: The Transition to Parenthood, a testing time for relationships? Please see the article below on the changing dynamics of relationships once children come along and how to manage those changes and still have a relationship with your partner.

<http://www.oneplusone.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Sleep-Sex-and-Sacrifice-OPO-report-FINAL-embargoed-until-29-May-2013.pdf>

TOUCH TENNIS: There are 8 new touch Tennis courts available for use every day from 11am to dusk just outside the children's centre and is suitable for all ages! There is a small fee payable for the hire of racquets and soft balls if required and available from the Centre for the Community. The game of Touch Tennis was invented in 2003 by Rashid Ahmad an Elmbridge Resident and has since been played all over the world. For rules of the game see Elmbridge Borough Council Website and search Touch Tennis and for more general information about the game see the Touch Tennis website: www.touchtennis.com/gb

Going to Nursery, playgroup or other infant education is a big step for children. It may be the first time they share a play space and toys with others or be in the care of an adult that is not family, being able to communicate is Key to their development and will help them settle Ready, Steady Talk is a fun filled activity pack developed by I CAN to get them ready for infant education and beyond. See I CAN Shop at: www.ican.org.uk.

If you are worried about your child's speech and language development visit www.talkingpoint.org.uk or call 020 7843 2544 to arrange a free phone call from a speech and language therapist through the I CAN Help Enquiry Service.