

Summer 2010

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BOOKSTART DAY & CARNIVAL

10th June is our Bookstart Day and this year it is going to have a seaside theme. Bookstart is a national programme that encourages all parents and carers to enjoy books with their children from as early an age as possible. A member from Whitstable Library will be visiting during Parent & Toddler to promote Bookstart and the Library. Remember we have our own book library too!



Carnival is on **Saturday 7th August**. Joy Lane and Swalecliffe are joining forces. We have a 'walking' entry with a theme of Children's Stories / Nursery Rhyme characters. Parents and children are encouraged to dress up (although if preferred children / buggies could be decorated only, leaving parents to dress in a plain colour). Four workshop sessions are going to be run between Joy Lane: Fridays 2nd & 16th July 9:30 - 11:30 and Swalecliffe: Wednesdays 30th June & 15th July 12:30 - 2:30pm. Come along to any or all of these to make costumes and share ideas with others. **Join in the Fun!!!**



DADS GROUP

We have found numbers falling in this group on Friday afternoons as people move on to other things. We know that lots of dads enjoy coming along to all our other groups which is great, and we love this. Perhaps you do not feel we need a special group for dads. If you are keen to meet with other dads and male carers in a group for you and the children, then do get in touch with Maureen at the Centre and give your details so that we can try to re-launch the group in the autumn. If any existing dad wants to carry on coming in the meantime just let Reception know.

COOL FOR SCHOOL



Is your child starting school in September? If your child has not been to pre-school, play group or nursery or has only been a few times then THIS PROGRAMME IS FOR YOU.....We are offering fun activities information, support and a chance to get ready - every Tuesday morning (9-12) from 15th June! Ring in to book your place and find out more. **Places still available!!!**

Ursula's Pre-Natal Breastfeeding Workshop Dates: 23rd June, 21st July & 25th August.

Note these are not drop ins and need to be booked via your midwife. Tel: 783105

Midwife Clinics run Monday - Thursday.

BREASTFEEDING UPDATE

So you have decided that you will breastfeed your baby and you have read all the literature in our library. Have you seen www.ekbaby.nhs.uk or www.breastfeeding.nhs.uk ? You have spoken to your midwife, attended the pre-natal workshop, and you are ready; and then it happens, the baby is here and suddenly you are not so sure.

Why not speak to Tracy (Peer Supporter Co-ordinator) or other members of the Peer Support Breastfeeding Group. It meets **every Monday 12:15 at the Centre**. Tracy started as a breastfeeding mum herself and trained at Joy Lane to support other mums, so she knows how hard it can be, but also how rewarding it is.

INTERNET USAGE

If anyone has any Tesco vouchers going spare, could you bring them into the Centre ASAP as we need to send them off by 24th Jun. Many thanks to those who have already brought in some. We will let you know what we have been able to 'purchase'.

Remember, we have a for sale/wanted board at the centre for registered users' baby and children's items

We were just wondering if you use the internet much as a Mum, Dad or a family? Do you use eBay to sell your outgrown toys and clothes, do you buy from Internet shops, do you read online reviews before you buy or do you use parenting websites for information and advice?

We have a website here at Joy Lane. Do you use it to find out what's on? Or for our address or phone number? We would like to

hear from you about your internet use, so that we can improve our information to you and to see how you get information on being a parent. Did you know that your local Adult Education Centre in Whitstable has a course on using the internet? It starts in September 2010, and they have a fee reduction scheme. Call them on 0845 606 5606.

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TOY LIBRARY & CHILD SAFETY WEEK

We are sorry about the sudden demise / cancellation of the mobile toy library but we are making arrangements for a more local toy library which may mean more frequent and co-ordinated



Play and Take Away sessions. We are currently busy buying more toys, securing access to other toy libraries and arranging cupboard/storage space to be fitted. So watch this space. We are hoping to re launch

June/July time.

We will be having a display of child safety related information during Child Safety week. Top injuries to Kent children are head wounds, hand or wrist wounds, objects in throat or lungs, broken arms and poisoning. So please pop along and take a leaflet of two and maybe pick up a few freebies.



UP-COMING DATES AND EVENTS

Mondays: Gardening - Are you interested in developing the garden at the Centre with other families? Come along on Monday mornings to the Gardening Group.

31 May - 6 June: National Family Week

3 June: Family Week Picnic on the school field from 11:30 - 1:30 instead of both sessions of Parent & Toddler. Come and join in. (If wet we will move indoors.)

17 June: Food Safety Week:

20 June: Fathers Day

22 - 28 June: Child Safety Week.

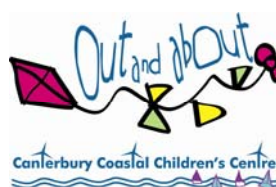
28 June: Deaf Awareness Week:

1 July: Parent Forum 7:30 pm. All welcome.

6 July: Children's Art Day.

12 - 18 July: National Childcare week.

Out and About:



On Tuesdays during August we will be having some family activities: a Beach Trip, an Art and Craft Day, a Teddy Bears' Picnic and an outing to Druidstone.

The exact dates for each are still to be finalised - so keep your eyes open for publicity in the Centre.

