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What's happening!

Returning.

Parent, Baby & Toddler Group at the Centre will be returning on 11th January at the normal time.

A new Parent, Baby & Toddler Group started in November at the Swalecliffe Community Centre to serve that community on a Monday afternoon, this will be returning on the 9th January 13:30 - 14:45.

Sing & Sign for babies between 6 & 24 months on the 9th Jan 10:30 - 11:15 for 8 weeks. Please book at reception as places are limited.

Locomotion returns on 6th Jan as an Open Session for Whitstable Families but please attend the correct session for your child's age. 2-5 years 9:30 - 10:15am and 6 months - 2 years 10:20 - 10:50.

Walk & Talk will be returning on the 16th January so if you want to join to help burn off the Christmas excess then meet us at Jo Jo's restaurant at 13.30 ready to set off at 13.45 for a 45 minutes walk. See you there.

New

We have a one day "Baby Resus" course on the 10th January 13:00 - 15:00. Places are limited so please book at reception.

Briary Children's Centre will be hosting an Incredible Years (Supporting Children's Behaviour Programme) in January with an introduction meeting on 11th 9:30 - 11:30 with the course starting on 25th January for 12 weeks. This looks at different ways you develop your relationship with your child and support their positive behaviour: including praise, improving family relationships through play, and effective use of time out. A free crèche is provided. This is an intensive course for those experiencing severe behavioural difficulties. For further details please contact either Clare Turner on 01227 272103 or Maureen Wickham on 01227 263998.

Coastal Centres also host courses for Self Development, Domestic Violence support, Post Natal Depression (and post PND) (with crèche).

PARENT/SENCO 'DROP IN to be held at Joy Lane Children's Centre on 17th January 9:30am - 11:30am

Have you recently been told by your child's Pre-school that they are concerned about his/her development?

Do you just need a reassuring chat about YOUR concerns?

Are you the parent of a child who has recently been given a diagnosis by a Paediatrician?

Are you a SENCO and unsure how to share your concerns with a parent or have you recently done so?

Then please come and see your Early Years Support Team and make the most of this opportunity.

Heuristic Play - What is it? Toddlers and Babies love to get into everything. This can be quite a nuisance at home, and even dangerous if no one is watching them, but at Heuristic Play, this is just what we want. In a peaceful, relaxing setting Zoe sets out her collection of “treasures” for the children to explore freely. Parents can join in, or just watch as their child plays: the children are learning all the time.



Parents tell us:

“We really enjoy Heuristic Play, lovely atmosphere, very comfortable and enjoyable for parents as well as children.”

“My eight month old baby LOVES heuristic play.....”

“Heuristic Play is fantastic, R loves it! Zoe is lovely and friendly.”

“We had a wonderful time at Heuristic Play: a wonderful relaxing environment,”

Playing Together - Due to lack of support this has been suspended for the foreseeable future.

PARENT & TODDLER : Please note that during **all** the school holidays we will be running a Parent Baby & Toddler session from 9:30 - 11:30am. This is open to parents of 0 - 5s and older siblings.

PARENTS FORUM: Would you like to become more involved with the Children’s Centre? Would you like to have a say? If yes then why not let Reception know and attend our next meeting on the 31st January 12:45 - 2:45pm.

Donations: Many parents have said that they are delighted that the Children’s Centre offers so much to families for free. We make very effort to provide services that families want and need for no charge. However, tightening budgets can only be stretched so far.

Parent Forum would like to remind families that we always have donation pots available. Any donations will be used to further develop the services in the centre for you and your families

COFFEE & CRAFT : Due to the popularity of this group on a Thursday afternoon we must ask that you sign up for this with Reception at least a week in advance as places are limited due to fire regulations and crèche numbers. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2012 - The process for this started on 7th November, the closing date for on line and paper applications is **Saturday 14th January 2012**. You can apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola or alternatively a paper application known as the Reception Common Application Form (RCAF) & it is available from your local school. The paper form needs to be returned to your child’s Primary School.

THE MONEY ADVICE SERVICE: Are revamping their *Parent’s guide to Money* and will be going live on their website www.moneyadvice.org.uk/parents, which means that the Children’s Centre will no longer be receiving hard copies for Parents to pick up. However, we will be keeping a few hard copies in the Office should anyone need to see one.

CHILDREN IN NEED - Thank you for all your donations for Children in Need we raised £22.54p.

REMINDERS: Can we **please** remind Parents that parking in Buckingham Road is **strictly prohibited** for the safety of the parents and children of the School, Nursery and Children’s Centre and that there is **No** parking on the school site only disabled. Please park with care in Bridgefield Road and surrounding area. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

ALSO that you are requested **NOT** to bring your own snacks to the Parent, Baby & Toddler sessions as we do provide toast and a selection of fruit together with diluted fruit juice & water.

AND that the Children’s Centre operates a **NO SMOKING** policy and that Smoking is **NOT** allowed **ANYWHERE** on the School site.

Christmas Party fun! Ho Ho Ho!!



Our Christmas part in the Swalecliffe Community Centre was great fun!
It was very magical to see the children's faces light up when Santa made a special appearance,
We hope you had fun and look forward to seeing you again in 2012.

TOY LIBRARY COMMENTS:

Rattles: Very tactile at an age where she wants to Shake, Rattle & Chew!

Jack-in-the-Box: My son & daughter enjoyed making each other jump with this! Lots of giggles!

New Born Baby Doll: Very much enjoyed this toy - extremely popular - lots of role play.

Buggy: Excellent choice, my child really enjoyed playing with it. It also helped with my child's stability of walking.

Fishing for Numbers Game: Fantastic game to play with all the family. Good game for recognising colours and numbers.

Childs play Hair Care Set: My daughter loved this although she got a bit frustrated with the hairdryer as it didn't work very well. A great toy for role play together.

A Wooden Pirate Ship: Really great toy—lots of imaginative play with characters.

Tool Set - We got lots of use out of this toy. My son particularly enjoyed bashing everything with the hammer!

Vet Set: My son loved this, pretended he was a doctor for the dog & for us. Great for role play.

Magnetic Faces: Great fun. We both enjoyed making silly faces. Think it will be chosen again soon.

House Sorter and Key: Although too young to master the locks & keys she gained great delight in 'bashing' the items through the hole & collecting them with squeals & gusto!

Parent Support - Useful Websites

Child Maintenance Options: http://www.cmoptions.org/en/pdfs/CMO_Getting_Started.pdf

Parent Plus - <http://www.parentlineplus.org.uk>

Home Access: www.homeaccess.org.uk

Breast feeding information: www.ekbaby.nhs.uk

Partnership with Parents- This is a statutory, confidential and impartial service for families of children and young people with special or additional educational needs and disabilities i.e. how to get the best from service/providers/services available or on offer - www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/pwp

BeGrand.net is a new website that gives grandparents the information and help they need to support families and children.

Child accident prevention trust - www.capt.org.uk

www.direct.gov.uk/benefits_advisor - for benefit advice

www.direct.gov.uk

www.direct.gov.uk/working_benefits - for advice on Benefits & help when going back to work.

www.bestbeginnings.org.uk - Bump to Breastfeeding Resource (now available online & to order Gateway Reference number: 15659)

www.sexualhealth.eastcoastkent.nhs.uk/for-young-people/c-card/ - Information relating to Kent 'C' card and free condoms.

For more useful website visit our website: www.clusterweb.org.uk/swalecliffehc

Dates for the Diary

St. Johns Church Long Rock/

25th January 2012 - Burns Night

24th December Crib Services 3 & 4.30pm

3rd February 2012 - Chinese New Year - Year of the Rabbit

25th December Service 10.30am

14th February 2012 - Valentine Day.

2nd Sunday of the month - 10.30am -
Storytime for Children

Centre Closures: Please note that the Centre will be closed on the following dates:

26th December 2011 - Boxing Day

27th December 2011 - In lieu of Christmas Day

28th December 2011

2nd January 2012 - In lieu of New Year's Day

