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Support and friendship
for families

Newsletter from Home-Start Portsmouth

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Dear All

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter. Since our last newsletter, we have had our 2009 celebration event and AGM, which was a great success. Thank you to everyone who came along and a special thank you to the people who appeared in the DVD. If you haven't yet seen the DVD and would like to, we are looking into getting this uploaded onto our brand new website. The website can be found at www.hsportsmouth.org.uk and contains lots of news and information and downloads for families, volunteers and referrers. Do have a look and if there is anything else you would like to see on the site, let me know and I'll see what I can do!

The Home-Start Portsmouth Team



QUILT RAFFLE

Tickets sold raised over £300!

The Quilt was won by a friend of Tina Payne, who was absolutely thrilled to receive it.



Portsmouth CHAT, Family Information Service

This service gives a range of support and ideas for; childcare, leisure activities, tax credit information and much more. You can make an appointment, or drop into The IAG Centre, Arundel Street. Thursdays 9-5pm
02392 695000

PORTSMOUTH DENTAL HELPLINE
& Emergency Dental Service
0845 050 8345

For information about how to get regular and
Emergency Dental Care
8.30am -9.30pm Monday-Friday
and
8am-9.30pm on weekends and bank holidays

PORTSMOUTH AUTISM

SUPPORT NETWORK

A small independent charity providing information, emotional and practical support and advice for families and carers with children with Autism and Asperger Syndrome
For more information call
07914331876
10am – 5pm Monday to Friday
www.portsmouth-autism-support.co.uk

Latest News from

Home-Start Towers

I'm working to a deadline here people. I feel like a proper journalist, using words frequently in the office such as deadline, column, writers block, and headline. I hope you receive my column well and I'm sure a novel with serialization in a tabloid will follow. So, what has been happening in the world of Home-Start Portsmouth?

Hannah Thomas has joined Co-ordinator corner, poor girl, squashed in with myself and Heidi. She is working 16 hours a week and does the same job as Heidi and me (but obviously I do it the best)!

We are crazily running two volunteer training courses, one in the day as per usual and for (drum roll) the first time ever, one in the evening. Though absolutely bonkers in terms of work load, at the end of December we will have 32 brand spanking new volunteers to match with families. Fan volunteering tastic or what!

Since the last newsletter our Friends of Home-Start fundraising group has been incredibly busy and incredibly successful. A Ladies Night (don't ask) was organized closely followed by the next evening by Bingo. That one weekend alone raised over £1000 which will go towards the Families' Christmas party and the Summer outing next year.

Christmas is almost upon us, though my 40th birthday is first people, so don't forget our families Christmas party on the 10th December. Volunteers are also welcome to attend the last day of the Prep courses on Tuesday 15th or Wednesday 16th December for a spot of Christmas cheer.

FREE CHILDCARE WHILE YOU TRAIN

LEARNING MADE MUCH EASIER

Free Childcare for Training and Learning for Work is a new government scheme that pays for Ofsted registered childcare for parents wanting to learn new skills or train for a better job.

Call for a chat 0800 121 89 89
Or visit

TWINS AND TRIPLETS GROUP at STAMSHAW COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thursdays 9.30-11.30

A free pop in group for parents of twins, triplets and quadruplets and more

Cups of tea and coffee available for parents and healthy snack for the children

CONTINUES THROUGHOUT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Important Notice

Change of Day
Breast Feeding Group

Please note that the
WEDNESDAY BREASTFEEDING GROUP
Will be changing as from November 2009 to:
FRIDAYS 10.30AM - 12 NOON

At
THE KINGS CENTRE
ELM GROVE, SOUTHSEA

For support whilst breastfeeding, a chance to ask questions and share your experiences



CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY
THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER
Invitations to Follow

VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS SOCIALS
TUESDAY 15TH DEC (LUNCH)

WEDNESDAY 16TH (EVENING)

REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKER AWARENESS

THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY 2010