



Barleyfields Children's Centre Parent Forum

16 March 2011

Woolmer Green Village Hall

Notes of Meeting

Present: Sue Smith, Barleyfields Children's Centre
 Angie James, Barleyfields Children's Centre
 Fiona Deans
 Jade Duffy
 Gemma Firkins

Apologies: Emma Rea
 Teresa Harris

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| 1 | Sue welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming along. | |
| 2 | <p>Notes of the last meeting</p> <p>The notes of the last meeting on 20 July were discussed.</p> <p>Dates for Saturday Dads up until July have been arranged. These are: 2 April, 7 May, 4 June and 2 July.</p> <p>Barleyfields Children's Centre is working in partnership with Broadwater Children's Centre to offer families a mobile toy library. Please contact the Children's Centre team for further information and to become a member of the toy library.</p> <p>We are holding a Rainbow Cafe coffee morning at St Michael's Parish Centre on Monday 4 April from 9.30 – 11 am to promote the Children's Centre and what we offer.</p> | |

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| 2 | <p>Notes of the last meeting continued</p> <p>A booking system has been introduced for the Monday Stay and Play session. Families who live within the Barleyfields Children's Centre area do not need to book and families outside of the area can book a place for the following week by contacting the Children's Centre from Tuesday morning.</p> <p>In response to the need expressed for activities for children aged 2½+ years, we have arranged a 10 week healthy eating and cooking course starting after Easter.</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Update from Sue</p> <p>Sue gave a brief update on developments at the Children's Centre.</p> <p>The Children's Centre has achieved full core offer which means that Barleyfields is offering all of the services and activities that a SureStart Children's Centre would be expected to deliver.</p> | |
| 4 | <p>Open discussion – ideas and feedback from parents</p> <p>Parents provided positive feedback about the Saturday Dads sessions which dads and children seem to enjoy.</p> | |
| 5 | <p>Plans for Summer 2011</p> <p>It was suggested that it would be a good idea to run the regular sessions through the summer holidays as families with children below school age are not affected by school holidays and do not tend to be away. They would like the continuity.</p> <p>Families would like outdoor sessions such as picnic and parachute and water play sessions.</p> | <p>Sue to put in place the summer programme.</p> |

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| 5 | <p>It is also a good opportunity to try some of the regular activities such as Jumping Joeys and Singing Starlets as one off sessions.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>Any other business</p> <p>It would be lovely to see more parents at the next Parent Forum as we welcome and value all suggestions and contributions. If parents are not able to attend the Forum they are welcome to speak to one of the Parent Representatives who will bring their views and questions to the Forum on their behalf. Please contact the Children's Centre who will arrange for one of the Parent Representatives to get in contact.</p> <p>Date of future meetings: Tuesday 21 June 12.30 – 2 pm Monday 7 November 7.30 – 9 pm</p> | |

