



Summer 2008

Leavesden Children's Centre

A SureStart Children's Centre

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The Centre provides children in Stanborough and Woodside wards, with the best possible start in life. We act as a central point for information and services from a team of professionals, who are from different fields.

Playday - 6th August 2008

Playday is the annual celebration of all children's right to play. Playday is a national campaign, now in its 21st year, where thousands of children people are encouraged to get out and play at locally organised events.

Our free event will give your family some fun, safe and enjoyable things to do. It will keep them occupied and you



will all have a great time

WHEN? 11am - 2.30pm

WHERE? Leavesden Children's Centre

WHO? Everyone 0-100 years!

WHAT'S ON?

- Babies play area
- Tots arts & crafts activities
- Face painting
- Visits from the Fire brigade and Hullabaloo, and more!
- Refreshments
- Junior fit activities
- Stands & stalls
- Full use of the Children's Centre & lots more.....

What does the centre provide?

- ✎ Child & Family health activities
- ✎ Play & development for young children
- ✎ Support for children with Special needs
- ✎ Family learning sessions
- ✎ Parenting sessions, help & leaflets
- ✎ Adult training & support to re-enter employment
- ✎ Childcare choices/ benefit advice
- ✎ Free leaflets / access to online PCs

We are open during school holidays



We were officially opened in October 2007.

CAN YOU HELP US?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The centre needs the help of mums, dads, grand parents or adult relatives. We need help to set up activities, put toys away and help with preparing refreshments.

We also need help in the office with filing etc.

Could you spare up to 2 hours each week?

You will need a CRB Police check, which we will pay for.

**POP IN OR CALL US ON:
01923 484360**



TOYS

Do you have any unwanted toys that are suitable for babies or toddlers aged 1-4 years?

**Are they in good condition, safe and with all the parts?
LET US TAKE THEM OFF YOUR HANDS!**

Sorry, for safety reasons we cannot accept soft toys, electrical equipment or damaged items.

PANDAS & KOALAS (Stay & play groups)

We provide 2 groups: Pandas for babies, and Koalas for toddlers aged 13 mth+ (they must be able to walk). The groups are open to all local parents /carers. Come along and play with our toys, and take part in fun activities. Each week has a theme!

PANDAS: Mondays 10.30 - 12
KOALAS: Thursdays 12.30 - 2

Refreshments are provided. Each session costs JUST £1 per family. Call us for more details on: 01923 484360



EARLY DAYS - POST NATAL SUPPORT GROUP

West Hertfordshire 
Primary Care Trust

Led by local Health Visitors, this free course is aimed at new mums & dads with first babies under 6 months old.

The weekly programme spans 5 sessions covering

routines, baby health & minor ailments, women's health, child development & weaning. The last week is a small celebration where you can graduate to Panda's baby group! All new members receive a free gift too! To book your place on the

next course please call us on 01923 484360 or see your local Health Visitor.



"I've made some great new friends, ive learnt so much. I asked the health visitor all sorts of questions!"

What's been happening?

- ✎ 'So you want to be Teaching Assistant?' (course for adults)
- ✎ Next Steps Careers Event (1-2-1 interviews)
- ✎ Baby Play & Language sessions
- ✎ Hullabaloo baby sign & rhyme
- ✎ Healthy Tots (nutrition session)
- ✎ Xmas crafts workshop
- ✎ 123 Magic (parenting course)
- ✎ Support for childminders & childcare staff



Healthy & Happy Families

"Being a parent isn't always easy - kids don't come with a manual!"

Do you have children under 8? Would you like some support? Would you like to meet local families?

COME ALONG AND TRY OUR FREE SESSIONS

- Supporting Learning** - Help your child learn
- Changing Schools** - Helping children when they move nursery/sch
- What is a parent?** - Roles & parenting tips
- Healthy Eating** - Planning a menu at home
- All Stressed out** - Dealing with stress

LIMITED FREE CRÈCHE PLACES AVAILABLE

**October dates to be released soon
CALL US ON: 01923 484360**

0808 800 2222
Want to talk it through?
Call Parentline 

COMING SOON: Leavesden Toy Library

What is a toy library?

A toy library is a way of borrowing toys for your child to take home to play with. You can borrow from hundreds of toys for babies & children from 0 - 5 years.

We have many toys for children of all ages who have special needs .

Good quality toys are expensive and the toy library is a great way for you and your child to enjoy different toys without having to buy them.

WATCH THIS SPACE AS WE HOPE TO LAUNCH THIS SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER!
Call 01923 484360 for details.

Most of our sessions are FREE of charge



Find all the support you need on our website.

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CENTRE MANAGER: Jennifer Wills

ADMINISTRATOR: Nina Collins

Watch this space as we are currently recruiting for 2 outreach workers and an early years teacher.

COME IN AND SEE US

The brand new centre opened in October 2007. We are based in the grounds of Leavesden Green JMI School but our new entrance is on the High Rd.

Although we do not have parking on site, there is a free community car park in Haines Way (less than 5 minutes walk from our front door).

We have lots of lovely toys, a baby changing area, a courtyard and training rooms.

**DROP IN TIME - week days
between 9.15 to 12 noon**



NEW WEBSITE

www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/leavesden

How to find us:

