



# Windmill Children's Centre News

A SureStart Children's Centre serving Adeyfield, Highfield and St.Pauls

## Galley Hill Toy Library

...offers you the chance to access toys, games and books that stimulate and provide fun and learning for both you and your child. Hire fee starts from 50p per item for 2 weeks. You will need to become a member (for a fee from £3 a year) before being able to use the library. You can place an order through Windmill CC and collect it the following week from us (large items may be able to be delivered). Please ask at Reception for more information and to view the catalogue.



## 'Shout out for a Sure Start!' Campaign

There are now more than 3,000 Sure Start Children's Centres across England, with more in Scotland and Wales. They provide families with young children with services, support and information. This means that more families know where to go to get help; parents who are worried about their child don't have to suffer in silence; and mums, dads and grandparents can get together to share the joys and challenges of raising children.

So, if you believe that...

- A Sure Start sets you up for life
- Every child deserves a sure start
- Investment in children is an investment in our future

... then why not 'shout out for a sure start!' Your support could help to ensure the future funding of Windmill Children's Centre. Please log your support by going to <http://shoutoutforasurestart.org.uk/>

## Calculation of Benefits

It is now possible to get an estimate of the amount of benefit you may be entitled to by using the 'Benefit Advisor' on Direct Gov. This is a calculator that can be used by inputting your own personal details to see your entitlement to benefit or to input new information and circumstances if increased hours or a new job is offered once you are in receipt of benefits. Go to [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) and put 'Benefit Advisor' in the search box. Customers can also use Direct Gov to submit an application for Jobseekers Allowance - once it is processed they will be called back to arrange their initial interview.

## We need your help please....

We require donations of non-consumable items to use as raffle prizes during our annual Fun Day at Broadfield Primary School to be held on Saturday 5th June. Please hand in your donations to the Windmill CC office. Many thanks in anticipation. Further details of the Fun Day will be available nearer the time....but put the date of Saturday 5th June 10am-1pm in your diaries now as it will be even bigger and better than our fantastic day in May last year!!!!



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### Herts Deaf Childrens Society Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth Club

Come and join us every Tuesday during term time from 6-8pm at St Barnabas Church, The Queens Square, Hemel Hempstead. There are different activities every week and a short signing class from 6.30 to 7.15. All ages welcome - under 10's must be accompanied by a parent or carer. For more information phone Amanda Masterman on 01442 213324. FREE.



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# What is coming up at Windmill Children's Centre?

## MONDAYS

**The Sunflower Centre drop-in** 12th April 9.00-11.00am. Run by an Independent Domestic Violence Officer offering emotional and practical support for victims of domestic abuse which includes emotional, physical, verbal and/or financial abuse. Pop in for some advice, information or support.

**Stay and Play at Highfield Community Centre** - 12th April 1.30-3.00pm Come to this free session to meet new friends, play with our toys and join in with a craft activity. Cold refreshments provided. Please ring us to book a place. **FREE.**



## TUESDAYS

### **HartBeeps Baby Wonderland**

**6th, 20th April** 9.45-10.30am. Music, singing and activity session especially for the under 1's. £2-50 per child and £1-50 for additional siblings. Please ring us to book a place.

**HartBeeps for mobile babies and toddlers-** 13th, 27th, April 9.45-10.30am. Music and singing activity session. This ever popular activity costs £2-50 per child and £1-50 for additional siblings. Please ring us to book a place.

**Windmill Young Parents' Group -Under 21's Baby & Toddler Group** - Every Tue 12.30-2.30pm. Please phone Mairi (Health Visitor) on 07768 852014 for details. **FREE.**

**Galley Hill Dads Club - at Chaulden Adventure Playground** - Every Tues 9.30-11.00am. Open to any male carer (Grandads, uncles etc). Please ring Terri at Galley Hill Children's Centre on 01442 426753.



## WEDNESDAYS

**Adult English** - Every Wednesday 9.15-11.15am term time only. Do you want to develop your skills in speaking English? Would you like to improve your speaking and listening and gain a qualification? Do you want to be able to help your children with their school-work? Then phone us to book your place on this **FREE** course.

**Dinky Dancers** - 7th April 1.30-2.30pm. Come and watch your child's first dance moves! **We have a new teacher taking these sessions called Susie.** The charge is £2-50 per child and £1-50 for additional siblings. Please ring us to book a place.

**Easter Egg Hunt at Broadfield primary School** - 7th April 10.00-11.30am. Bring your children along to this fantastic **FREE** event and help us find all the eggs that the Easter bunny has left! There will be also be Easter themed arts and crafts. No need to book but please report to reception in Windmill Children's Centre.

**Family Fun Day at Yewtree Primary School** - 14th April 10.00-12.30pm. Our usual **FREE** family event with an 'Easter' twist! Come and take part in a variety of activities including making Easter bonnets, face painting, wii games and skipping. No need to book, just turn up on the day!

**Childminders' Stay and Play** - 28th April 9.30-11.00am An opportunity for Childminders from our area to share good practice & ideas with the children they care for. **FREE.** No need to book.

**Educational Psychologist** - 28th April 1.00-3.00pm. Covering your child's education or development and aimed at the age group 0-19. These are one to one, half hour sessions and need to be booked in advance by calling the Centre. **FREE.** Please ring us to book a place.

**Rhyme Time & Activities at The Heights Community Centre** - 28th April 1.30-2.30 Crafts with a nursery rhyme theme, bringing the rhymes to life. **FREE.** Please ring us to book a place

## THURSDAYS

### **HartBeeps Baby Wonderland**

**1st, 15th, 29th April** 10.00-10.45am Music, singing and activity session especially for the under 1's. £2-50 per child and £1-50 for additional siblings. Please ring us to book a place.

**Under 1's & Parents to be Group** 8th, 22nd April 9.30-11.00am. Come along with your babies or bumps to meet other parents at the same stage. **FREE.** **If you plan to stay on for the Well Baby clinic please leave the room and wait in reception until the health visitors call you in.**

**Well Baby Clinic** - Every Thurs 11.30am-1.00pm. **PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES.** Come with your babies to have weight checks and see your local health visitors. **Clinic finishes promptly at 1.00pm so please arrive by 12.30pm to ensure you can be seen.**

## FRIDAYS

**First Steps** - Every Fri Please **NOTE the NEW TIME** of 9.45-11.00am. For toddlers aged between 1 & 2 (or members of the under 1s group who are very mobile). Come along and enjoy seeing your child engage with other children of the same age. **FREE.**

**Active Play** - 23rd April 2.00-2.45pm. This session will aim to encourage children to be physically active by running, jumping and making use of various pieces of equipment including bean bags, balls and hoops! The emphasis being on playing together, having fun and encouraging movement and activity. For children aged 2 years plus **NEW.** The cost is £2.50 per child & £1.50 for additional siblings. Ring us to book.

**Messy Play** - 30th April 1.30-3.00pm Come to this **FREE** session and make messy art. Better still, you don't need to worry about the mess!! Please ring us to book a place.

**Little Birds Songs & Stories** - 9th April 1.30-2.30pm. Children are invited to get lost in their imagination through play and storytelling with access to toys and instruments for a thoroughly interactive drama experience. **NEW.** This activity costs 50 pence per child. Ring us to book.