



The Orchard

Children's Centre

Newsletter

Spring 2013

Welcome to the latest newsletter from The Orchard Children's Centre.

For anyone who isn't familiar with the role children's centres, we provide young children and those that care for them with opportunities for fun and play, as well as support and advice.

We cater for everyone who has responsibility for young children including parents, childminders and grandparents and people of all ages, races and backgrounds are welcome. Just pop along to any one of our sessions or contact us for further information!

**Goodbye message from Jo Bosley,
The Orchard Coordinator**

I am leaving The Orchard on 18th April and would like to say 'goodbye' and 'thank you' to all the families who have made The Orchard a happy and thriving centre for the community – it has been a great pleasure and privilege to work here.

I started working with the Oxfordshire Rural Children's Centre Project over six years ago and so I've seen the service grow from a small outreach service in a few villages to the establishment of the Children's Centre in Eynsham.

I will miss my work here but I have other roles to fulfil – after twenty years of making ceramics as a hobby, my friend and I are setting up a pottery business, something we've always wanted to do! Being self-employed will make it easier for me to support my family, as a daughter and as a grandma, and this is something that is very important to me.

Jane Godfrey will be offering temporary cover managing the centre on a part time basis until the manager post is successfully recruited.



Have your details changed?

We ask all parents & carers to make sure they let us know of any change in circumstance, such as address change, any new family members, change of circumstances, change of name etc so we can make sure our records are kept up to date.

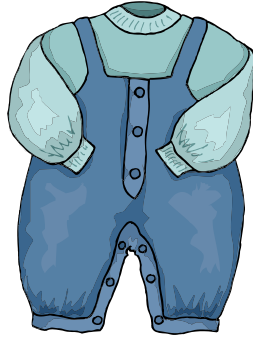
Swap shop!

We are having another swapping event on:

Tuesday 23rd April

9.30 – 11.30am

Please bring along any unwanted baby and children's clothes, toys, books and equipment and have a look around – you may find something you need!



Breastfeeding & Smoking Cessation Support

Just a reminder that our staff are fully trained to offer support in these areas so please speak to a member of the team if you have any concerns, questions or just need a chat.

The Orchard also has a variety of information and leaflets on a range of topics; from help returning to work to child safety. We also offer free computer access at the Centre to help you look for childcare, employment and seek benefits advice. Please ask the team for further details.

Coming up soon...

Henry course

A course for parents all about food, nutrition and healthy living. We explore our relationship with food and look at ways of changing old habits and improving our diets. A crèche is provided alongside the course which is held at the Children's Centre in Eynsham, starting Friday 3rd May. To find out more and to book a place, please phone Karen on 01865 880686 or 07771 500982.

Feel good Wednesdays

Following recent consultation with families and staff we have made a few changes to our drop-in session on Wednesday mornings. We have decided to concentrate on providing a healthy lunch for families so that children can benefit from eating sociably together and adults can pick up tips on planning meals, cooking and budgeting. Please join us at the usual time: 10.30am – 12.30pm.



Introduction to Family Links

We are offering a 4 week introductory Family Links parenting support course. The course will run on the following Monday evenings, 7-9pm: 10th and 17th June, 1st and 8th July 2013

Please contact Paula or Margaret on 01865 880686 for further details and to book your place.

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The Orchard hub is situated next door to Eynsham Community Primary School. We are open Mondays to Fridays 9.00am - 5.00pm. There is no on-site parking so we would encourage families to walk to the centre where possible, or park off-site and walk to the centre.

Full details of all our events and activities are available **online** or contact the team.

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