

HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FORUM MEETING
AT
FORDINGBRIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL

20th SEPTEMBER 2006

DONM :
January 23rd 7.30pm
at Blashford Lakes Study Centre Ellingham near Ringwood

ATTENDEES:

Karen Hodgson St Claire's ASC
Tracey Blackman PLA
Lindsay Osman Early Education and Childcare Unit EECU
Judi Strange Jobcentre Plus
Jill Barnett Salisbury Portage + Scouts
Debbie Simpkins Woodgreen p/s
Sue Little New Forest District Council
Julie white Fordingbridge Junior and Infants School Jigsaw Worker
Dye Lockyer New Forest District council Play Development Officer
Philippa Walker representing all Health Visitors
Julie Hinton Toy Library and Martin Nursery
Suzie Orchiton Woodgreen p/s
Jacqui Ingram Fordingbridge Toy Library
Hazel Burgess New Forest Portage
Lorraine Starks TOP New Forest
Jackie Bennett Jigsaw Worker RW and Foster Carers
Sue Ledger Ringwood Junior School Jigsaw Worker
Helen Giles Ringwood and Fordingbridge Library Service
Sue Nutburn Ringwood Infants School Jigsaw Worker
Kathy Heron Hampshire County councillor
Jo Hooijmeijer-Brown St Mary's p/s
Karen Kingsnorth Hampshire Constabulary Schools Liaison
Wandzia Venn HCFF
Marian Frey - Parent and Chair

APPOLOGIES:

Helen Tague FB Town Council Clerk
Sue Brinkman Busy Bess p/s and Scouts
Jo Stannard Ringwood Town Council Clerk
Cllr. Mike Shand
Jim Day Blashford Lakes

Michael Luckie Swaythling Housing
Emma Library Services
Janet Keith – Special Needs
Bev Wickham- EECU

Rosalind Bradbury – HCFF North West Forest Co-ordinator welcomed everyone and each person introduced themselves and their role.

As it was FREEBIE Night everyone had allocated a package of goodies to take away and keep and/or distribute to others.

Roz gave brief news on various projects and items concerning all children from 0 – 19 yrs of age.

- The HCFF Website address nwf@hcff.org.uk was highlighted as this is being continually added to with up to date information – so everyone was urged to use this frequently and also to inform Roz of anything that could be shared on this site.
- The next Newsletter would be published just before half term with distribution taking place during the week after half term. Items for inclusion should be passed to RB ASAP. There is funding to print and distribute 2500 copies – so schools are particularly asked to ensure any 'spare' copies be returned via the network to RB or to contact her for collection. (i.e. if more than half a dozen or so)
- A Young Parents group has now been established and is seeking more parents to attend on Tuesdays at the URC Hall in Fordingbridge – near to post office – 10 – 12.00. This group was set up in direct response to consultation work carried out by HCFF and meetings with Health professionals. Its target is parents and parents -to -be who are 20yrs and under...but all young parents are welcome and currently 2 dads do attend on occasion. There is a warm welcome and refreshments on offer, along with music and baby and toddler safe play time. The group has around 14 registered and several are young parents to be! The group is gaining self-esteem, peer group support and information and advice. Funding is being sought in order that transport can be accessed to bring more young parents from the Ringwood Area up to the group. There is already a wide range of speakers and demonstrations arranged including Healthy Cookery, Baby Massage, Baby First Aid, Story Rhyme time and a party!
- The Turn Up For Fun Play Project had another very successful summer. It visited 6 sites each week throughout the summer holidays. Funding came from The Network fund, and various Parish Councils and Housing Associations. Experienced Playworkers are sought to continue the project next year so do contact RB if you are experienced and will be seeking work next summer holidays!
- There is a meeting of PRIME on 4th October at Sandy Balls Godshill – and anyone with an interest in how to prevent crime and vandalism etc is encouraged to go along to this meeting and network.

- There are still places for First Aid training for the courses running locally in January – these are for registered settings and can be seen in the current Horizons Book available through all p/schools and nurseries etc.
- Sarah Newman SCARF on 01425 611199 has funding to start a Youth Club for children and young people with special needs – anyone with ideas of what area this should be in should contact her. SCARF also have their information posted on the HCFF web site
- Information on Young Carers and their Families organised by the Children's Society was given out for 30th November 2006.
- Honeypot Bus has been secured by RB to provide after school play for children on 2 sites 1 in FB and 1 in RW – which is wonderful with the dark nights about to draw in! – also the Bus will be attending the
- Christmas Festivities Evening to be held in Fordingbridge High Street on Friday 15th December from 6pm – 9pm. This evening sees masses of street entertainment along with music, the REAL Santa! , Hot chestnuts and other goodies, the Town Hall packed with music and activities for children. So make this a diary date now.
- DEFRA have funding for rural transport issues and information is available on the hcff web site
- Funding news was also given about British Gas Here to Help awards
- The Children and Young Peoples News letter is available to all those giving their email address to Lyndsay.darkin@nfdc.gov.uk this excellent news sheets contains lots of information from and about young people within the New Forest.
- CAMHS - Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services- is a group that meet to discuss and see ways forward in ensuring that services that children and their family's access under the banner of mental health are available and suitable. RB is interested in any situations that are known where children have had unacceptable waits for appointments/difficulties in attending appointments or indeed anything that relates to these service that are not running how they should be!! Please contact RB with information in order to try to ensure that all the services are provided when and how they should be.
- YOF was discussed and information given out.
- Blashford Lakes Centre near Ringwood is holding an open day on September 23rd from 11-4 and all are welcome
- Everyone is encouraged to ensure their school is being represented at the New Forest Sex and Relationships Education Forum – which hold valuable information sessions for teachers and staff and other related professionals involved in disseminating information to our young people. The subject for the next session is on domestic violence and is being held at Ringwood Senior School on 4th October 4-6pm.
- This coming Sunday 24th September is the date of the re-scheduled SK8 Festival in Fordingbridge. This event had to be cancelled when black storms appeared in June – the one and only day they did!! Grateful thanks were given to John Butler from Butlers Bar in Fordingbridge for coming up trumps as the

principal sponsor of this re-scheduled event for £500. Turn Up For Fun Play Project has sponsored 3 extra awards for Effort. A Bar B Q and various stalls including face painting and a Bouncy Castle will be present.

- The AGM for HCCF takes place on Thursday 5th October at Shawford Village Hall near Winchester and all are welcome
- There is also a Home Start Meeting taking place this day on 5/10th in Ringwood with a view of getting this project - which would be extremely valuable locally - off the ground.
- Karen Kingsnorth from the Police Service then gave a talk and introduction to her role as a Schools Liaison Officer. Information was given out about her visits to the schools across the Forest and also she able to explain to everyone what ASBO's and the YOT mean and also took questions on Dispersal Orders and their implications. The information provided was extremely helpful in understanding the role of the local police and what may or may not be expected.
- St Mary's p/s reported that they had places for more children and welcomed anyone wishing to look around the group
- Sue Nutburn from RW Infants School said that they were looking at holding a parenting CPCK Course within their school and that places would be open to others without children in the school. The Jigsaw project and their workers were all successfully working within their settings.
- Helen Giles told everyone about their new times and rhyme times etc and also showed everyone the wonderful resources available via Bookstart and free giveaways. Parents are encouraged to attend their sessions when the library is closed to the general public. See information on web site for more details.
- Lorraine Starks reported on her new role working with children with social and communication difficulties fro 2yrs to reception TOP New Forest
lorraine.starks@ashley-inf.hants.sch.uk
- Jacqui from Toy Library reported that their Mega Sale is on 11th November 10-12 at the Town Hall in FB - definitely worth both selling items at and also stocking up for Christmas at!! Contact the toy library for more information and also session dates and events.
- Phillipa told everyone about the merge of the NF PCT into a joint Hants PCT.
- Dye Lockyer said thankyou to the play provisions that took place this summer - The Playscheme at Fordingbridge School via the Town Council and also spoke of staff recruitment and play day training
- Sue Little reported that this Saturday 23rd September was an Out of School Clubs event. Also about Recruitment Event for Playworkers 23rd October Winchester Guildhall 1 - 7pm and training that is available. For any information regarding working in or for Play Work such as Breakfast Clubs, After School Projects, holiday provision please contact Sue Little at NFDC Appletree Court. - Also see our web site.
- Jill Barnett said thankyou for the fund raising via the scouts. Also reported about Portage Workshops.
- Judi Strange from Jobcentre Plus talked about the Government having a priority for reduction of Child Poverty on their agenda. The funding of

Children's Centres and that even a change of government will still keep this agenda. 1 million homeless and excluded from education children and those children in Britain are worst off in Europe! All those currently involved in the Childcare Agenda should be proud of the work they are doing and make sure their voice is heard. There was also information about various Care To Learn and Men can Care Too sessions.

- Lyndsay Osman spoke of the Community Learning Fund from the Lottery Fund – see web site for information on the funding available. Children's Centres in FB school put forward and still looking for a site in RW – any ideas from anyone??
- Tracey PLA gave information on 2 courses in Brockenhurst and Totton. A P + T Health and Nutrition course is being held in Ringwood/F Bridge (??) and also about a date of 2nd November 10.30 – 1.30pm a drop in at Greyfriars – no need to book – encourage parent and toddlers to attend. The PLA AGM is being held on 4th October at Greyfriars 7pm and there are £5 vouchers for bulk buy being given away to attendees. Also everyone encouraged to use their Bulk Buy which operates from Greyfriars once per month – check with your local P/s or P + T for information and dates.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING IS AT THE TOP OF THIS DOCUMENT

SEE YOU THERE!!

Please contact me with any views or news

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