

# SCHEMENEWS

Newsletter for Families and Volunteers March 2018

# Home Start

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Home-Start  
Staffordshire Moorlands



We have a number of **free Circus Starr tickets** for a world-class Big Top show on Saturday **21st April 2018** in Hanley Park at **2.00 pm**. Circus Starr's performances feature spectacular circus acts by internationally acclaimed clowns and performers (there are no animals).

If you'd like us to send you some free tickets for the circus, please get in touch with the Home-Start office as quickly as you can. Tickets will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis to families being supported by Home-Start Staffordshire Moorlands - please contact the Home-Start office on 01538 3 8 7 2 3 1 or email [Info@homestartsm.org.uk](mailto:Info@homestartsm.org.uk) to let us know how many tickets you'd like (children under 3 years of age don't need a ticket). If you need to take grandparents or other family members to help with transport, for example, this will be considered if we have tickets available.

*Unfortunately we are unable to help with transport. Families asking for tickets will need to be able make their own way to the circus. The address is: Hanley Park, The Parkway, ST1 3BB.*



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Due to time constraints at this busy time of year, we have combined our newsletters for families and volunteers this month.

## Office Easter Opening & Staff Absence

The office will **CLOSED** for one week over Easter - it will close at 2.30 pm on Thursday 29th March and will re-open at 9.30 am on Monday 9th April.

**Louise will be off work from the Tuesday 27th March.** It is likely that Louise will be off for some time recuperating after an operation. Louise's work will be covered by other members of staff whilst she's off, so please phone the office if you need to speak to someone. Louise will continue to take messages from families cancelling volunteer visits and will pass messages on to volunteers, so just text or ring her mobile number, as normal. Volunteers can also phone Louise for advice and support whilst she's off (although she's completely off her feet, she is able to take phone calls).

**Hilary Evans** has been off work for several days recently following a unforeseen family emergency. Her son, Louis, had a skiing accident in Italy and broke his leg very badly, meaning that Hil had to suddenly drop everything and fly out to be with him. Hil and Louis are back home now but, with Louis struggling to get about unaided and needing to attend lots of hospital appointments, Hil is having to provide a lot of support to him. Hil always goes above and beyond the call of duty. Just for the time-being though, whilst she is juggling work with looking after her son, she may not be able to provide the high levels of support that you may be used to and, if you contact her, she may not be able to get back to you quite as quickly as she would normally do. Other members of staff will do everything in their power to minimise the impact on the scheme and obviously, it goes without saying, that Hil will do her utmost to provide all the support to you that she possibly can under the circumstances. We all wish Hil and her family the very best of luck with Louis' recovery.

We are fast approaching the end of the scheme's financial year and the end of two of our major funding streams (5-year funding from the Big Lottery Fund and 3-year funding from BBC Children in Need). After a nail biting few weeks, waiting to hear the outcome of other funding bids, we are extremely pleased, not to mention **relieved** (!), to report that we have secured adequate funding for the year ahead.

Not only has our tender bid to the local authority met with success, but other bids to BBC Children in Need, the Garfield Weston Foundation and the Henry Smith Charity have also been successful. This means that we will be able to continue to support some families beyond the initial period of support funded by the local authority. Also (!), we were recently granted additional funding from the Staffordshire Local Community Fund, supported by Councillor Charlotte Atkins. This funding has helped us meet various costs this year, including advertising and running the current preparation course for new volunteers and undertaking some work with families on co-production. Many thanks to Charlotte Atkins and Staffordshire County Council for their support.

Huge thanks too to the families who gave up their time to get involved in our co-production event - your input was invaluable and will help us plan our support to families in the future..



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## Neuro-Sensory Movement Therapy

For all aged children with Autism  
Spectrum Symptoms

[www.magichearholistics.uk](http://www.magichearholistics.uk)

We have been made aware of the above therapy sessions which run on Mondays from 4.00 pm at Beresford Hub, Novi Lane, Leek.

Magic Heart Holistics use movement to work on the sensory system, neurological system and nervous system. Sessions include breathing, grounding, body awareness, sensory integration, yoga poses and relaxation, delivered in a way that is easy to understand and follow. Parents do not need to stay if they feel their child does not need their support but are more than welcome to join in if they wish.

The sessions are open to all ages. Although they are predominantly for those with autism spectrum symptoms the therapy is also beneficial for individuals with dyspraxia or sensory processing conditions, etc.

The classes are limited in number to six individuals and cost £4 per person per session or £10 for three sessions. Booking forms need to be completed prior to the first session. If you're interested in finding out more, email [magichearholistics@gmail.com](mailto:magichearholistics@gmail.com) or phone Melissa Palmer on 07715 304842.

## If you have email ...

Please consider helping us save the costs of printing and posting this newsletter out to you by opting to receive this newsletter by email from now on if you can.

The newsletter is emailed out as a pdf attachment and looks exactly the same, so you won't miss out on anything. In fact, it will reach you sooner than the postal version! All you have to do to switch to receiving the newsletter by email is to email the Home-Start Staffordshire Moorlands office at [Info@homestartsm.org.uk](mailto:Info@homestartsm.org.uk) to let us know. Remember to include your name, so that we know who you are!

## Staff Changes ~ Welcome Gemma

We are delighted to welcome Gemma Bailey as a new member of staff. Gemma will join us at the beginning of April and will be supporting families referred to us by the local authority who have older children. This is a new area of work for us, commissioned by Staffordshire County Council, and we are extremely lucky that Gemma comes to us with experience of working with this age group in her previous role with Support Staffordshire. We very much hope that she enjoys working at Home-Start.

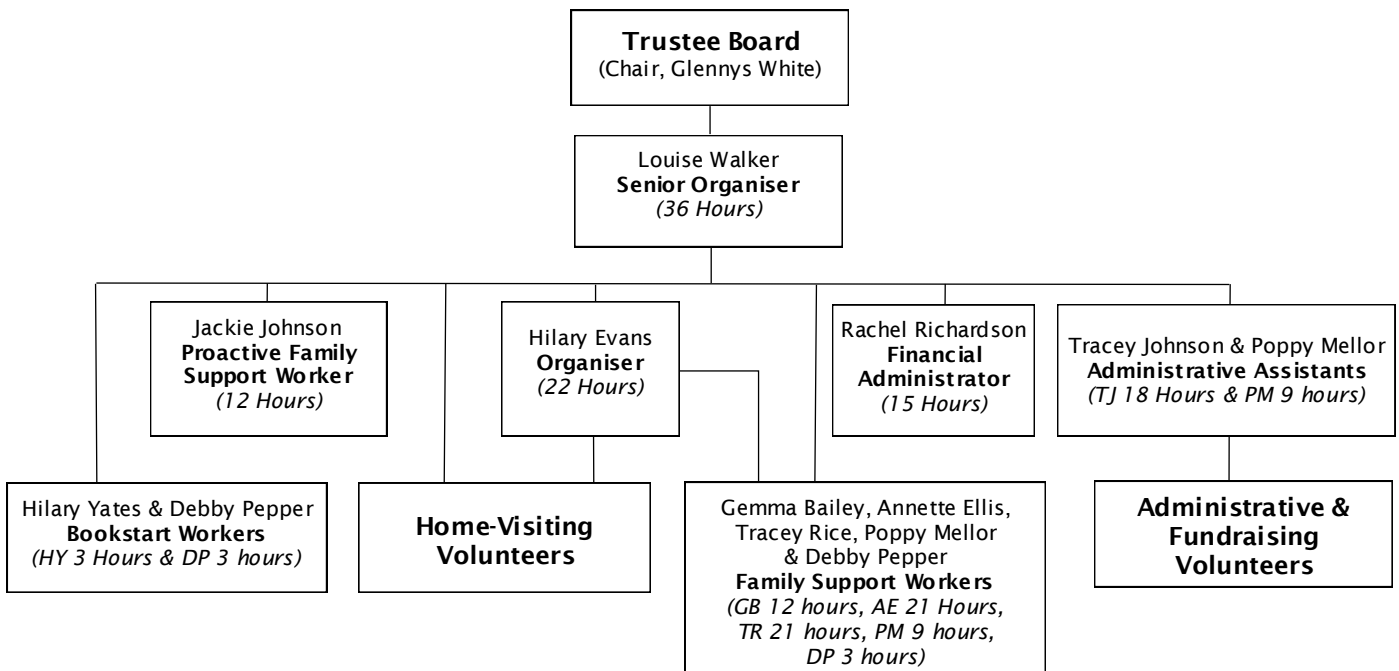
In order to fulfil the requirements of our new contract with Staffordshire County Council we have had to make several changes to our staffing structure. Changes will start to take place from the beginning of April. It is unlikely that any current families or volunteers will be affected by the changes, but if you want to know who'll be doing what, have a quick look at the resource structure below.

# Resource Structure

## Home-Start Staffordshire Moorlands

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Here are just a few of the **FREE** activities for children and families, organised by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust this Easter. For a full list of what's on, visit <http://www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/whats-on?> or phone 01889 880100.

### Wildplay at the Roaches

For 8 - 13 year olds  
Tuesday 3rd April  
10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Young people can leave their parents behind and #GetWild in the woods, exploring the Roaches woods, building dens and lighting a campfire. Parents can drop off / pick up at The Roaches Gate. Young people will need to wear warm layers and sturdy shoes or wellies and bring a drink and some snacks. There are no facilities at The Roaches so please make sure you visit the toilet before you go. Although the activity is free, it's advisable to book by visiting the website or phoning.

### Wildfamilies Discover @ Macclesfield Forest

Thursday 5th April  
10.30 am - 3.00 pm

Nature based activities for all the family. Go along to Wildfamilies at Macclesfield Forest and explore the great outdoors! Activities may include bug hunting, natural crafts, family team challenges ... and much more!

There is no need to book, just turn up but please go dressed for the weather, as all activities are

outside. Don't forget your wellies (or sturdy shoes), waterproofs and a drink. Picnic facilities are available, so why not take your lunch with you?

This session is **FREE** for all the family.

Activities will be based near the Trentabank Ranger Station in Macclesfield Forest near the Trentabank Car Park.

### Wildfamilies Discover Trees @ Tittesworth Water

Sunday 8th April  
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Nature based activities for all the family. If you want to get the kids outside, why not go along to Wildfamilies at Tittesworth Water and explore all things trees, young and old. Activities may include bug hunting, bark rubbing, guess the age of the tree, natural crafts ... and much more!

There is no need to book, just turn up but please go dressed for the weather, as all activities are outside. Don't forget your wellies (or sturdy shoes), waterproofs and a drink. Signposted from the visitor centre at Tittesworth Water.



The above events are all organised by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. Wildplay at the Roaches is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and PCC People Power Fund, Wildfamilies Discover @ Macclesfield Forest is support by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Wildfamilies Discover Trees @ Tittesworth Water is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, as part of the Churnet Valley Living Landscape Partnership.

## Fun Easter Activity Cracking Cress Heads!

Taken from [bbcgoodfood.com](http://bbcgoodfood.com)



### You will need:

2 eggs  
2 tablespoons of cress seeds  
2 cotton wool balls  
Felt tip pens or acrylic paints

### Method:

1. Carefully remove the tops from the eggs, leaving the bottom two-thirds of the shells intact. Empty the shells (save the eggs for another time), then carefully wash them out. Decorate the shells with pens or paint, then leave them to dry.
2. Dip the cotton wool balls in a little water, squeezing off any excess. Place 1 ball inside each shell, then sprinkle 1 tsp cress seeds onto each one. Sit the filled shells in eggcups and leave in a dry, well-lit place for a week - a windowsill is perfect. Your cress will start to grow within a few days, perfect for making egg & cress sarnies!

## Staff Annual Leave

The **office is closed** between 29th March and 9th April and **Tracey Rice, Tracey Johnson, Jackie Johnson, Gemma Bailey and Hilary Evans** will be taking this week as annual leave. If you need to speak to somebody urgently whilst members of staff are on annual leave though, please phone the office on 01538 387231 and leave a message.

## Children's Centre Activities

We want to ensure that everybody (families and volunteers) are aware of the full range of services and activities taking place in the local community. We have taken the information in the following four pages from Staffordshire County Council's guide (Version 3) April 2017 - March 2018:

### Baby Massage & Yoga

Learn to massage your baby to aid relaxation, sleep and colic for parents / carers with babies from birth to crawling. Please bring along a towel.

### Birth Plan Sessions

Find out about making a birth plan, including where to give birth, pain relief options, who to have with you and your feelings on intervention.

### Breastfeeding Mummies

Parent-led support for breastfeeding mums in Cheadle and Leek - drop in for a chat and to socialise.

### Breastfeeding Support

Parent-led support group in Werrington.

### Buzzabout

Structured, fun sessions for 0 - 5 year olds with stories, singing and craft activities.

### Carers Support Group

A friendly group that offers support for all carers.

### Childminders' Networking Group

Networking opportunity for registered childminders.

### Disco Ducks / Ducklings

The ultimate pre-school dance experience.

### Explorers Soft Play & Breakfast Club

Breakfast club and soft play session.

### FAB Mums Biddulph

Parent-led breastfeeding support group in Biddulph.

### Fun Little Groovers

Fun and stimulating sessions looking at physical, balance and sensory development.

### Fun Little Messy Monsters

Mini monsters magical messy play, Early Years Foundation Staged linked activities.

### Health Visitor Advice Line

For more information call 0300 124 5029 to speak to the Newcastle & Moorlands Health Visitor Hub.

### Job Centre Plus

Advice sessions and support.

### Leek College Functional Skills

Adult learning 12-week programmes in English, Maths and ICT skills.

### Little Athletes

Foundation stage programme around 2-4 year olds. Helping develop a child's fundamental and cognitive skills through physical play using different types of play to promote colour and number recognition to make learning fun and enjoyable.

### Melissa's Baby Massage and Movement

Baby massage from birth to crawling and moving onto yoga until walking then progress onto Kids Yoga for toddlers.

### Mellow Bumps & Mellow Parenting

Programme that decreases stress levels of new mums and mums-to-be. It helps to understand that babies are prepared for social interaction from birth.

### Messy Moments

Stimulating, educational and fun early years musical classes for children aged 0 - 5 years.

### North Staffordshire Parent Support Group

Support group for parents and carers of babies born prematurely or who have additional needs.

### Parent, Toddler and Baby Group

A term-time only play and stay session that is open to parents and children aged 0 - 5 years. Come along for lots of fun activities, stories and songs.

### Play Together

Various fun activities for parents / carers and children aged 0 - 5 years.

### Play Together Baby Time

Various fun, play and sensory experiences for parents / carers and babies aged 0 - 2 years.

### Post Natal Group

Midwife appointments for mums-to-be and those first appointments after birth.

### School Nurse

School Nurse appointments. Contact your school for more details.

### Sensory Room

Learn together in a magical sensory room of fibre optic lights, bubble tubes and music. Parents / carers and infants 0 - 3 years.

### Simply Play

No cliques, just friendly staff who will help to spend time with your children, having fun and trying lots of different activities. Free course that will support you and your child to learn together.

### Soccer Lions

Using football as a medium, this active session invites you and your toddler / young child to learn together whilst promoting physical fitness and development. For parents / carers and children aged 1 - 5 years. \* Booking essential \*

### Speech & Language Therapy

Referral-only, specialist service for young people.

### Tiny Toez Nursery

High-quality education and care for children aged 3 months to 8 years.

### Weaning Talks

Professional advice for parents ready to wean their babies.

### Well Baby Clinic

Health Visitor led clinic.

### Younger Mind

Specialist service for young people (referral only).



# Children's Centre Activities

## Activity Timetable April 2017 - March 2018 (V3)

### MONDAY

**FPC = Free Pass Card accepted at the session**

#### Younger Mind

Home-Start Staffordshire Moorlands

**Referral only**

9.00 am - 12.00 noon

Tel: Younger Mind

01782 262100

#### Soccer Lions **FPC**

Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre

**Booking essential**

Walking to 3 years plus

9.30 am - 10.15 am

£22.00 for a 12-week course

Free Pass Card accepted

Tel: Netty 07747 867745

#### Job Centre Plus

Cheadle Library

**Appointment only**

9.30 am - 12.00 noon

Free Advice sessions fortnightly

Tel: Job Centre Plus

01782 421621

#### Mellow Bumps Antenatal Programme / Mellow Parenting Programme

Beresford Family Hub

Free.

**Referral only**

9.30 am - 11.30 am

Tel: Sara Bostock 01538 483129

#### Childminders' Networking Group

Bishop Rawle Family Hub

9.30 am - 11.30 am

Free drop-in.

Tel: 01782 297970

#### Play Together **FPC**

Staffordshire Moorlands

Children's Centre:

10.15 am - 11.45 am

Cheddleton Community Centre:

1.00 pm - 2.30 am

0 - 5 years

£1.50 per child. Free Pass Card

accepted at the session

Tel: Netty 07747 867745

#### Melissa's Baby Massage and Movement

Beresford Family Hub

Drop in

Baby Massage from birth to crawling 12.45 pm - 1.45 pm

Baby Yoga from crawling to walking 1.45 pm - 2.45 pm

Kids Yoga 18 m plus 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm

£4 per session

Tel: Melissa 07715 304842

#### Disco Ducks / Ducklings **FPC**

Staffordshire Moorlands

Children's Centre

2 - 4 years 1.30 pm - 2.15 pm

6 - 24 months 2.15 pm - 3.00 pm

£4.00 per child

**Booking required**

Free Pass Card accepted

Tel: 01782 297970

#### School Nurse

Staffordshire Moorlands

Children's Centre

Referral only 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Free

Contact your school for more

details.

### TUESDAY

#### Speech and Language Therapy

Staffordshire Moorlands

Children's Centre

Referral only 8.30 am - 5.00 pm

Free

Tel: Speech and Language Team

01782 234481

#### Younger Mind

Staffordshire Moorlands

Children's Centre

**Referral only**

9.00 am - 12.00 noon

Tel: Younger Mind

01782 262100

#### Play Together **FPC**

Beresford Family Hub

9.30 am - 11.00 am. Drop In.

0 - 5 years £1.50 per child. Free

Pass Card accepted at the session

Tel: Netty 07747 867745

#### Explorers Soft Play and Breakfast Club

Haregate Community Centre

9.30 am - 11.30 am Drop in

0 - 4 years £2.50 per child

Tel: Sam 07572 449266

#### Carers Support Group

Bishop Rawle Family Hub

10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Fortnightly. Free.

Tel: 01782 297970

#### Baby Massage & Baby Yoga **FPC**

Staffordshire Moorlands

Children's Centre

Drop in 10.00 am - 11.00 am

Drop in 11.30 am - 12.30 pm

£5.00 or £30.00 for a 6 week course

Free Pass Card accepted at the session

Tel: Kerri 07785 787683

#### FAB Mums Biddulph

Green Tree House Craft Café

Drop in starts at 11.15 am

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Find us on Facebook

Free

Tel: Suzanne Barratt

01782 297979

#### Play Together **FPC**

Staffordshire Moorlands

Children's Centre

Drop in

0 - 5 years 1.15 pm - 2.45 pm

£1.50 per child/ Free Pass Card

accepted at the session

Tel: Netty 07747 867745

#### North Staffordshire Parent Support Group

Staffordshire Moorlands

Children's Centre

Free drop in

1.15 pm - 2.45 pm

Tel: Kerri 07785 787683

#### Birth Plan Sessions

Staffordshire Moorlands

Children's Centre

**Booking required**

2.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Free.

Run every Tuesday

Please contact your Midwife

# Children's Centre Activities

## Activity Timetable April 2017 - March 2018 (V3)

### WEDNESDAY

#### Childminders' Networking Group

Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre  
Drop in 9.30 am - 11.30 am  
Free  
Tel: **01782 297970**

#### Simply Play

Bishop Rawle Family Hub  
9.30 am - 11.30 am  
Free  
Tel: Kelly **07964 246211** or **01782 297970**

#### Soccer Lions FPC

Beresford Family Hub  
**Booking essential**  
Walking to 3 years plus  
9.30 am - 10.15 am  
£22.00 for a 12 week course / Free Pass Card accepted at the session  
Tel: Netty **07747 867745**

#### Play Together FPC

Beresford Family Hub  
Drop in. 0 - 5 years  
10.15 am - 11.45 am  
£1.50 per child / Free Pass Card accepted at the session  
Tel: Netty **07747 867745**

#### Play Together Baby Time FPC

Beresford Family Hub  
Drop in. 0 - 2 years.  
1.00 pm - 2.30 pm  
£1.50 per child / Free Pass Card accepted at the session  
Tel: Netty **07747 867745**

#### Weaning Talks

Bishop Rawle Family Hub  
1.40 pm - 2.40 pm  
**Referral only**  
Run every other month  
Free  
Tel: **0300 124 0098**

#### Soccer Lions FPC

Rushton CE Primary School  
**Booking essential**  
Free. Walking to 3 years plus  
2.00 pm - 2.45 pm  
Tel: Netty **07747 867745**

#### School Nurse

Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre  
**Referral only.** 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm  
Free. Contact your school for more details

#### Leek College Functional Skills

Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre  
**Booking required**  
12 week programmes to run throughout the year  
Free. Tel: Suzanne Barratt **01782 297979**

#### Parenting Programmes

Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre  
**Referral only.** Free  
Run throughout the year  
Tel: Anne Marie **01782 297812**

### THURSDAY

#### Parent Toddler and Baby Group

Cheadle New Life Centre  
Drop in 9.30 am - 11.30 am  
0 - 5 years. Term time only.  
£2.00 per family  
Tel: Rebecca **07927 053761**

#### Well Baby Clinic

Biddulph Primary Care  
Free. Drop in 9.00 am - 11.00 am  
Contact your Health Visitor for more information

#### Fun Little Groovers FPC

Beresford Family Hub  
9.30 am—11.00 am  
£2.50 per child. Pass Card accepted at the session  
Tel: Naomi **07921 918753**

#### Baby Massage FPC

Bishop Rawle Family Hub  
10.00 am - 11.00 am  
£5.00 or £30.00 for a 6 week course. Free Pass Card accepted.  
Tel: Kerri **07785 787683**

#### Messy Moments FPC

Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre  
10.30 am - 11.30 am  
£5.00 per child  
Tel: **01782 297970**

#### Breastfeeding Support Group (Parent Led)

Werrington Library  
Drop in 10.30 am - 12.30 pm  
Free.  
Tel: **01782 297970**

#### Baby Yoga FPC

Bishop Rawle Family Hub  
11.30 am - 12.30 am  
£5.00 or £30.00 for a 6 week course.  
Free Pass Card accepted at the session  
Tel: Kerri **07785 787683**

#### Breastfeeding Mummies

Beresford Family Hub  
Drop in 12.00 noon - 2.00 pm  
Free  
Tel: **01782 297970**

#### Breastfeeding Mummies

Bishop Rawle Family Hub  
Drop in 1.15 pm - 2.30 pm  
Free  
Tel: **01782 297970**

### FRIDAY

#### Speech and Language Therapy

Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre  
Referral Only  
8.30 am - 5.00 pm  
Free.  
Tel: Speech and Language Team **01782 234481**

# Children's Centre Activities

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### FRIDAY (continued)

#### Fun Little Messy Monsters

##### **FPC**

Beresford Family Hub  
9.30 am - 10.30 am  
£2.50 per child. Free pass card  
accepted at the session.  
Tel: Naomi **07921 918753**

#### Soccer Lions **FPC**

Bishop Rawle Family Hub  
**Booking essential**  
Walking to 3 years plus  
9.30 am - 10.15 am  
£22.00 for a 12 week course /  
Free Pass Card accepted Tel:  
Netty **07747 867745**

#### Simply Play

Staffordshire Moorlands  
Children's Centre  
Birth - 4 years  
**Booking required**  
10.00 am - 11.30 am  
Tel: Kelly **07964 246211** or  
**01782 297970**

#### Play Together **FPC**

Bishop Rawle Family Hub  
0 - 5 years  
Drop in 10.15 am - 11.45 am  
£1.50 per child / Free Pass Card  
Tel: Netty **07747 867745**

#### Buzzabout **FPC**

Beresford Family Hub  
1.00 pm - 2.30 pm  
£2.50 per child / Free Pass Card  
Tel: Naomi **07921 918753**

#### Little Athletes **FPC**

Staffordshire Moorlands  
Children's Centre  
**Booking required**  
2 years plus 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm  
£4.00 per session / Free Pass  
Card accepted at the session  
Tel: Dan **07512 357038**

#### Play Together Babytime

##### **FPC**

Bishop Rawle Family Hub  
0 - 2 years  
Drop in 1.15 pm - 2.45 pm  
£1.50 per child / Free Pass Card  
accepted at the session  
Tel: Netty **07747 867745**

### RUNS EVERY DAY

#### Home-Start Family Support

Home-Start supports parents as  
they learn to cope, improve their  
confidence and build better lives  
for their children. The benefits  
of our support include improved  
health and well-being and better  
family relationships. Our support  
is free, confidential and non-  
judgemental. Tel: 01538  
387231, Email  
Info@homestartsm.org.uk,  
website  
www.homestartsm.org.uk

#### Post Natal Group

Staffordshire Moorlands  
Children's Centre  
Booking required  
9.00 am - 5.00 pm Free  
Please contact your Midwife

#### Sensory Room Experience

##### **FPC**

Staffordshire Moorlands  
Children's Centre  
Booking required  
Every weekday 9.00 am - 4.00 pm  
£1.00 per family for a half hour  
session / Free Pass Card  
accepted at the session  
Tel: Staffordshire Moorlands  
Children's Centre **01782 297970**

#### Tiny Toez Nursery

Staffordshire Moorlands  
Children's Centre  
Booking required  
7.30 am - 6.00 pm  
Every weekday  
Tel: **01782 518405**

**Check Facebook for up-to-date  
information on Children's  
Centre Activities.**



Some sessions may not  
be included on these  
pages.

**Any new sessions or courses  
are advertised on the  
Staffordshire Moorlands Early  
Years Activities Facebook Page.**

### Venue Addresses

#### Beresford Family Hub

Novi Lane  
Leek ST13 6NR

#### Biddulph Primary Care Centre

Wharf Road  
Biddulph ST8 6AG

#### Bishop Rawle Family Hub

Royal Walk  
Cheadle ST10 1QA

#### Cheadle Library

High Street  
Cheadle ST10 1AA

#### Cheadle New Life Centre

37 Tape Street  
Cheadle ST10 1BG

#### Cheddleton Community Centre

Hollow Lane  
Cheddleton ST13 7HP

#### Green Tree House Craft Cafe

72 High Street  
Biddulph ST8 6AS

#### Haregate Community Centre

46 Queens Drive  
Leek ST13 6DJ

#### Home-Start Staffordshire Moorlands

School Yard, Earl Street  
Leek ST13 6JT

#### Rushton CE Primary School

Sugar Street  
Rushton Spender SK11 0SG

#### Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre

Albert Street  
Biddulph ST8 6DT

#### Werrington Library

Ash Bank Road  
Werrington ST9 0JS

# Fundraising

To volunteer to help with fundraising events, please email [Info@homestartsm.org.uk](mailto:Info@homestartsm.org.uk) or call the Home-Start office on 01538 387231 ...



## Scheme Funding

All fundraising ideas and offers of help are very much welcome - please get in touch by giving us a call (01538 387231) or emailing us at [Info@homestartsm.org.uk](mailto:Info@homestartsm.org.uk).

## Current Fundraising

### Shopping at the Co-op

Become a member of the Co-op and nominate Home-Start Staffordshire Moorlands as your chosen charity (we are one of Leek's nominated causes in the Local Community Fund). Visit [www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund) or phone 0800 050 1601. When you shop, remember to show your membership card to help raise money for us.

### On-line Donations & Fundraising

We have an on-line facility for people wishing to make on-line donations to the scheme at **MyDonate**. Donations can be made by credit or debit card and can be gift-aided. Visit MyDonate at <https://mydonate.bt.com/charity/charitySearch.html> and search for **Home-Start Staffordshire Moorlands**.

Anyone wishing to organise a sponsored event to raise money for the scheme can set up their own fundraising page with MyDonate (who only deduct 15p per donation to cover the transaction costs). We can help you set this up if you wish.

### On-line Shopping Easyfundraising.org.uk

If you shop on-line, please consider visiting your retailers via [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and raise funds for Home-Start at the same time - it doesn't take long and if lots of people do it, this can be a really good fundraiser for us. It doesn't cost you a penny.

### How it works:

**Start at easyfundraising** - Go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) first and then find the website you're looking for - you can use the easyfundraising toolbar.

**Make a purchase** - Click from the easyfundraising website through to the store's website to make your purchase

**Get a donation** - After you have made your purchase, the store will make a donation to us as a thank you for shopping with them.

## Future Fundraising

We have put in an application to the Tesco Bags of Help fund. It is likely that we will be allocated a slot during the next nine months or so in Meir and Longton Tesco stores, so keep your eyes open and let your friends and family know too. The more votes we have at Tesco's, the more money we will raise for family support.

## Recent Fundraising

We recently received a payment of **£446.61** from the Co-op Local Community Fund. We are currently one of the Co-op's chosen charities (up to 27th October 2019). Many thanks to those members of the Coop who have nominated the scheme as their chosen charity - keep up the good work!

## Recent Donations

We received the following, additional donations in January and February:

**£559.38** from Trinity Church Leek from their Christmas collection, **£14.80** anonymous donation via MyDonate, **£20.00** from J Parker and **£47.28** from volunteers donating money back from their expense claims.

We would like to pass on a huge thanks to the above individuals & organisations for their generosity and support of the scheme.



## Shadow Puppet Workshop

Nicholson Museum & Art Gallery and Staffordshire Moorlands Tourism, Stockwell Street, Leek, ST13 6DW

Make Shadow Puppets and put on a show with your friends.

Two sessions:

10.00 am -11.00 am

or 2.00 pm -3.00 pm

Ages 3 years plus (50p per child)

Booking Essential:

## Experiments for children ~ growing plants from fruit and vegetable scraps

**Pineapple:** Make sure that the top leaves of your pineapple are nice and green, and don't look dried out. There are two ways to remove the top of your pineapple. You can hold the crown (leaves) in one hand and the pineapple in the other and twist until the crown pops off, or you can just bang the crown against the edge of a counter until it pops off. Peel off the bottom leaves until you have a nub about an inch long, and place it in a jar or glass of water so that just the bottom nub is immersed in the water. Change the water every few days. Within a month you will start to see roots, and the top will have grown into a nice full plant.

**Spring onions:** Trim off the bottom (root end) inch of your green onions and place them roots down in a small glass jar filled with water. Change the water every few days. Within a few days they will start growing back into green onions again.



**Carrot Tops:** Lay newspaper on the bottom of a plate and soak the newspaper well (there should be no standing water). Set your pieces of carrot tops on the papers, and in a few days, you'll see roots spread. Keep the paper wet.