

Home-Start Basildon District Family Newsletter



Welcome to our Family Newsletter. We hope you all enjoyed (and survived) the summer holidays. We have put information into this Newsletter that we hope you will find helpful, if you have any suggestions or ideas for things that you would like to see included then please email Becky—administrator@homestart-basildon.org.uk

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FAMILY GROUPS

We are going to be running two family groups, one based in Basildon and one in Wickford. This is a chance for parents to meet and chat with other parents from the local area and gives your children an opportunity to play and socialise with others. Please find below dates for September to December for both groups.

BASILDON

The Place Leisure Centre, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, SS13 3DU and will be held in the Foyer Meeting Room. The sessions in 2015 will be held from 10am to 12pm and you are welcome to drop in anytime. Tea and Coffee will be available.

Friday 11th September	Friday 25th September
Friday 9th October	Friday 23rd October
Friday 13th November	Friday 27th November
Friday 11th December	

WICKFORD

Home-Start Basildon District are starting a Family Group at Highcliffe Children's Centre, Rettendon View, Wickford, SS11 8JE. The sessions in 2015 will be held from 12.30pm to 2.00pm and you are welcome to drop in anytime.

Friday 4th September	Wednesday 16th September
Friday 2nd October	Wednesday 14th October
Friday 6th November	Wednesday 18th November
Friday 4th December	Wednesday 16th December

As it is over lunchtime you are welcome to bring a light lunch for yourself and your children. Tea and Coffee will be available but will not be allowed in the play area.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 3rd October 2015, starting at 7pm. Tickets are now on sale priced at £5 for Adults and £3 for Children (aged 11 to 16), tables are a maximum of 6 people. Please bring your own drinks (non-alcoholic only) and nibbles, Tea & Coffee will be provided. There will also be a raffle £2 per strip or 3 strips for £5, we have some really nice prizes.

If you would like to purchase tickets for the Quiz Night please contact Becky on 01268 550300 or email: administrator@homestart-basildon.org.uk

USEFUL WEBSITES AND FACEBOOK GROUPS

Websites

- Net Mums—www.netmums.com/
- Essex County Council Childcare Finder—<http://tinyurl.com/qjih83>
- OFSTED—<http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>
- Basildon Council—www.basildon.gov.uk
- Family Lives – 0808 800 2222 or familylives.org.uk
- Depression UK – depressionanon.co.uk
- Citizen’s Advice Bureau (CAB) - citizensadvice.org.uk
- Essex Mums – essexmums.org.uk
- Special Needs And Parents (SNAP) – snapcharity.org.uk

Facebook Pages and Groups

- 8 out of 10 Mums— Reviews of Days out and Places to go
- 8 out of 10 Mums Ask—For asking parenting questions
- 8 out of 10 M(um)-bay—For selling your baby and child bits
- Family Support in Basildon and Surrounding Areas— A group set up to help those in need for baby/child items but are on benefits or a very low income.
- Basildon Mums and Dads—Parental Support, Social Outings, Selling Page for all parents local to Basildon Borough.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are at the very heart of the work we do here at Home-Start, without volunteers there would be no Home-Start. Our next Volunteer Preparation Course starts on Tuesday 8th September and runs for 10 weeks (term time only). If you know someone who may be interested in volunteering then please ask them to contact the office for an application pack.

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