



Newsletter

Summer 2007

Hertsmere Leisure Children's Centres team are pleased to publish Children's Centre first newsletter. We plan to circulate a newsletter each quarter giving local parents and carers the latest information on the plans for the Children's Centres.

As you may have heard Hertsmere will have two Children's Centres in this phase:-

Borehamwood and Elstree are having a purpose built centre on the old Furzehill School site on Furzehill Road. Building works will begin in August 2007 and we plan to open this centre in Autumn 2008

The Children's Centre in Potters Bar will be based at Oakmere Primary School. The buildings works will begin in September 2007 and we plan to open early 2008.

What are Children's Centres?

Children's Centres offer the best start in life for every child, providing a place where under 5's can get involved in a range of both play and early learning activities.

Parents, grandparents and carers can benefit from better opportunities with access to child care, family support, health services, outreach services, training and employment advice.

Names of the Centres

It was great to meet so many people at the Families Day in Borehamwood on Saturday 7th July and the Community Fun Day in Potters Bar on Saturday 14th July.

We were delighted with how many people had heard of the Children's Centres and wanted to know more. We are now creating a data base so that we can keep you informed of our progress.

At both events people had the opportunity to vote for the names of the new centres. The winning names were

*The BECC
Borehamwood & Elstree Children's Centre*

*PB1
Potters Bar East Children's Centre*

These names are now being submitted for official approval. Once approved we will be able to use the names in our marketing.

Parent Reps

As a team we are really pleased to introduce our 3 parent representatives Melanie Carling representing Borehamwood North & Elstree, Daniela Drozd representing Borehamwood South and Linda Patrick representing Potters Bar East.

They have kindly agreed to sit on our advisory board to ensure that local parents are involved in every step of the Children's Centres development.

"I felt really privileged to be asked to represent parents on the advisory board. Children's Centres are really needed in Borehamwood as mums need places to take their little ones. New mums particularly need a lot of support."

Melanie

Would you like to receive regular updates?

Many of you gave us your name and address to go on our mailing list and if you have any friends or relations who would like to receive regular updates, please encourage them to contact our Administrator

Elaine.veiner@hertsmereleisure.co.uk
Or Tel: 020 8386 4038

Recruitment

Starjumps will begin advertising in the Spring of 2008, in Nursery World, local press and on Hertsmere Leisure's website www.hertsmereleisure.co.uk



Starjumps Nursery

We are pleased to announce that the Day Nursery at The BECC Children's Centre will be called Starjumps and subject to building works will be opening Autumn 2008.

Starjumps will offer:-

- Places for up to 40 children per day
- Care for children aged 2 - 4 years
- Opening hours 8 am to 6 pm
- Nutritious and freshly prepared meals
- Access to spacious outdoor facilities
- Stimulating activities to encourage young minds and bodies
- Activities planned around the new Early Years Foundation stage
- High quality staff
- OFSTED approved

Should you wish to register an interest in Starjumps Nursery for your child/ children please contact the Day Nursery Manager

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