

Heathside Parent / Carers Group Newsletter



PATH Events (Parents and Teachers at Heathside)

8th July 2008

At the last newsletter, we told you of some plans to do fundraising events to raise money for the new minibus. We thought you might like an update:-

QUIZ NIGHT—Unfortunately, we had to cancel this due to lack of support. We only had 6 teams willing to take part.

LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE BAND—This is now going to be on the Saturday 27th September at Trinity Park (Suffolk Showground). All the details are to be finalized but keep this date in mind when you look in your diaries. More information will come out soon.

A Race Night and a Medium are planned, but we still are awaiting dates for these. Obviously we can't get the Medium to pick the winners on the horses, but we hope when the dates appear that you will be able to come along.

Teamipswich Swimming Disability Sessions

If your child likes swimming and is a real fish in the water, how about joining the Swimming Disability Sessions. These are held in Fore Street Pool on Saturdays and, starting again in September, at Crown Pools on a Sunday evening. There are also sessions at Belstead School pool during term time on a Wednesday.

The lady who runs these is Elizabeth Christian, and she organises these sessions to help children swim better. She is also looking for helpers to assist on her sessions.

Interested? Please contact her on either 01473 890767 or 07906 652511. Her E-mail address is mail@christian-family.freeserve.co.uk.

Contact her and she'll be able to give you any information you need.

Some activities for the summer holidays

Positive Parents Posse—Sports Activity Morning. Sunday 20 July 9.30am—11.30am at Whitton Sports Centre. £3 per child. For children up to and including 13 years of age. Contact Joanna Lewis on 01473 404106 to reserve a place.

Lowestoft Seafront Air Festival—Thursday 24th and Friday 25th July at Lowestoft Seafront. Park and ride available. Go onto www.lowestoftairfestival.co.uk for more details.

HOPS Playscheme—play scheme for children and young people between the ages of 4-16 with disabilities living in Mid Suffolk and surrounding areas. Located at Thornodon in Eye. Contact Jackie Markell, Administrative Co-ordinator, Mid Suffolk HOPS on 07857 618161, or email: midsuffolkhops@tiscali.co.uk.

Felixstowe Carnival and Fair—8th—10th August. www.felixstowecarnival.org.

Rougham Airfield—16th & 17th August—Air display and classic car show. For further details go to www.roughamairfield.org

Needham Lakes—23rd July Wonderful Willow, 30th July Ice Age Antics, 6th August Fishy Business, 13th August Family Pond Dipping and 27th August Pocket Rockets. Sound interesting? For further information, booking and prices, telephone 01449 724633

Somerleyton Hall & Gardens—24th August—Puppet show and Teddy Bears Picnic. Bring your teddy and join in for a teddy bears picnic on the lawns followed by a puppet show at 1.30pm. This is at The Hall, Somerleyton, Lowestoft, Suffolk. For further information, booking, time and prices, please call 0871 222 4244 or visit www.somerleyton.co.uk.

Sorry this is a short list, but it's all I had to go on at the time.

Future Meetings

As I write this, we have had the last meeting for this term, and unfortunately Claire our link Social Worker, had to cancel on us. We hope she will be able to return soon, and it was so nice to have people come along to the coffee morning instead.

We will let you know when the next events are as soon as possible, but we would like to know if you want anyone to come along.

Is there anyone you would like to have visit? Would you like to come to the odd coffee morning or two? Is there a day which is difficult for you?

We would love to hear from you so that you can tell us what you would like.

The contact details are on the bottom of the newsletter.

Hope to hear from you all soon.

Barney Live—The Let's Go Tour

Does your child like the big purple dinosaur called Barney? If so, he is coming to the Ipswich Regent on Saturday 25th October at 1pm. The tickets are on sale and can be ordered either online on www.ipswichregent.com or by calling their box office on 01473 433100.

If your child is noise sensitive, then you can either book a seat near the back, or if it's not too busy, move to the back once it starts.

Hairdresser

Just to say that Odran has been informed that the sister of one of our pupils is happy to cut children's hair if you are finding it difficult to find a suitable hairdresser. Her name is Stephanie Fisher and her contact details are 01473 721888 or 0796 657 0753.

Contact a Family

Rachel Hill from Contact a Family came to see us on one of our previous groups, bringing with her some useful information on benefits, rights, participation groups, and answering questions on Contact a Family and things for special needs children. This was a wonderful session, and it was nice that so many people could make it in. Contact a Family has a team of Family Workers who provide an enquiry of home visiting service for families caring for disabled children aged 0-19 years. This is a free service to families.

They can be contacted on 0207 608 8700 or email: info@cafamily.org.uk. Rachel can be contacted on 01473 422539 or email: rachel.hill@cafamily.org.uk. Their website is www.cafamily.org.uk.

Having worked with Rachel at Autism Suffolk when she was a Family Support Worker, she will give the best she can to help any family that contacts her.

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