

SCHEMENEWS

Home START

Support and friendship
for families

Home-Start Borehamwood & District

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2012 Diaries

If you would like a Home-Start diary please collect one at your next supervision or pop into the office.

When there gone, there gone!



Important dates for your diary & news

Keep your diary free on...

Home-Start meal

We would really like you to join us for our thank you meal, details below. Home-Start will cover the cost of the carvery meal (vegetarian option available) and ice cream desert. Please note you can purchase drinks yourself from the bar. We need to confirm numbers with the restaurant, so please book your place by the 15th November.

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Office Opening Hours

The office will be closed from midday on Monday the 19th December and open again on Tuesday the 3rd January. In the event of a family concern during office closure, please contact your supervisor. If you have a non urgent query for example booking supervision please email the office at office@home-startbw.org.uk or leave a message on our answer phone if you do not have access to email. We will deal with your request when the office opens in January.

Bridget's Mobile: Please see your
Mar's Mobile: emergency card.

Group Supervision - Please remember if you are not currently matched it is important to attend group supervision so that you do not miss the guest speaker.

Date: Tuesday 31st January **Time:** 9:30 am - 13:30 pm

Venue: Elm Court Youth & Community Centre, 363 Mutton Lane,
Potters Bar, EN6 3BP

Our guest speaker will be a member from Hertfordshire Postnatal Illness Support group. To enable us to organise lunch please confirm your attendance by Monday 23rd January. Telephone or email eileen@home-startbw.org.uk.

Word from a Volunteer

For the last few Christmases we as a family have cut down on the number of cards we send to family and friends as we see most of them on a regular basis. They receive an email with our best wishes and we make a donation to a charity (this year to Home-Start) of the money we have saved on cards and postage.

In a mad moment (you need to be a little mad to be a volunteer) I offered to arrange a car boot sale to raise some funds for Home-Start. Having got friends and other volunteers involved we turned up on 30th April at the sale site. I had been warned that The Great Public would be in the boot of the car before we unpacked, so we had two volunteers (an ex police officer and an ex security guard) who successfully guarded THE BOOT!

We sold cheaply and made £357.50. It was hard work but we had great fun (well at least I did). My thanks to all who donated, spent their money and especially the ones who helped.

Regards, Sheila (Volunteer 95)

Date
23rd November
Time
7:30 pm
Venue
Toby Carvery
The Oaklands
Studio Way
Borehamwood
WD6 5JY

Quote of the month

"It has helped me to be able to take the children out on my own and do lots of different things with them, it has also helped me to let my children make their own decisions within reason."

Family 1005309

Book Club The Home-Start Book club will commence again in the New Year and continue to take place every second Friday of the month at The BECC in the Elstree Room at 2-3 pm. Places are still available so do let us know if you are interested.

Sign up to Bookstart Bear Club:

The Bookstart Bear Club is a fun and free library membership reward scheme for all babies, toddlers and preschoolers. It will open up an exciting world as families explore stories, books and rhymes together.

Each child who joins the Bookstart Bear Club at a Hertfordshire Library will receive a membership folder, containing a Bookstart Bear Club Passport, a joining certificate, bookmark and door hanger. Children then receive a stamp in their Bookstart Bear Club Passport every time they take part in a library activity for example a Baby Rhyme time, Story and Rhyme Time or borrow items. After 6 stamps they receive a reward certificate. There are 10 reward certificates to collect, including an extra-special 10th gold certificate! Children love stamps and certificates so there is an extra incentive to visit the library regularly!

There is also an online version of the Bookstart Bear Club where families can post book reviews, play games and share stories together at home. For more information visit www.bookstart.org.uk

Children taking part in the Bookstart Bear Club through Hertfordshire libraries do need to be a member of the library. Ideally they can either have their own membership card which is easy to acquire by a parent/carer visiting their local library with proof of their current address e.g. a recent household bill or by registering on-line at www.hertsdirect.org/services/libraries/. Alternatively if you are bringing the family down to the library on a regular basis you can use your Homestart Volunteer card.

How libraries can support Home-Start volunteers:

As a Home-Start volunteer you can have a special library card to help with your work. You can use it to take out picture books to share with the children you support.

We also have a "caring for children" collection which you, or your families, may find useful. In this collection are books on child development, potty training, sleep solutions, play ideas and much more! You will also find stories to explain special situations to children, such as the arrival of a new sibling or starting school.

Books are issued for six weeks and there are no overdue charges with this card.

For more information about Bookstart in Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire libraries or Home-Start library cards please email bookstart@hertscc.gov.uk, telephone 0300 123 4049 or visit www.hertsdirect.org/services/libraries/



Your notes

Contact office to let them know about January Group Supervision.



For those of you that celebrate the festive season
"We wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year."
Bridget, Mar & Eileen

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR