

Home-Start Wirral January Newsletter

January 2018

Happy New Year!

Home-Start Wirral would like to wish all of our volunteers, staff and families best wishes for the New Year.

Christmas seems like a distant memory as we are already nearing the end of January!

To kick start 2018 we have a number of new exciting training sessions and adult learning courses available. We look forward to the year ahead and all it has to offer!

Farewell to Sara....

It is with great sadness that we are wishing farewell to our Charity Shop Manager Sara Forfar. Sara has managed our charity shops from the very start and she will be missed by not only staff but also by our shop volunteers and the customers.

Good luck in everything you do and we all wish you the best of luck for the future xxx



"I will miss all the customers and volunteers and Home Start Wirral staff who I have had the pleasure to meet over the last four and a half years. Thanks for making my job a joy every day. "

Christmas Eve Delivery....

Home-Start Wirral were lucky enough to receive a large food donation from Aldi Neston on Christmas Eve. A number of staff and volunteers gave their time to deliver these donations to our families.

The food was greatly appreciated by all who received it and we would like to say a massive thank you to the volunteers, staff and everyone at Aldi.



Donation....

A massive THANK YOU to Medequip for our donation of £500.... This will be used to get our new Breakfast Club up and running.



Volunteer Christmas Event

Thank you to all of the volunteers that came along to one of our get togethers before Christmas; it was a nice way to catch up with everyone and enjoy a mince pie and some refreshments.



50-50 Club....

What is the Home-Start Wirral 50-50 Club?
It is a lottery!

The beneficiaries are Home-Start Wirral and the 50-50 Club members.
Membership costs £12 per number per year.

50% goes direct to Home-Start Wirral and 50% is the monthly prize fund
All numbers are entered each month and one number is drawn each month.

The more numbers we sell, the more funds we raise for Home-Start Wirral
And the bigger the prize pot!!

You can buy as many numbers as you want
To sign up, please ask at the Hub, the charity shop 48 Upton Road, Claughton Village
CH41 0DF

Alternatively you can ring us on 0151 608-8288
or email us at

5050@homestartwirral.co.uk

Our Volunteer Champion



Hello volunteers

Firstly, may I wish all volunteers a Happy New Year!!

I'm always pleased to meet both existing volunteers and those beginning their journey with Home-Start Wirral by undertaking their Course of Preparation. I was lucky enough to meet the attendees on the latest CoP at The Hub recently. This time it had a mix of both Family Support and Breast Feeding volunteers and it was great to see them enjoying the session. I hope to meet up with more of you over the coming months at training courses and events.

As always, it has been a busy and quite stressful time. Like charities everywhere, the funding environment is very challenging and Bev and her team, together with the support of the trustees, are always looking at innovative ways we can attract new support. Sadly, after all the hard work by Sara and her team we have had to leave the shop in Neston. The Claughton shop is continuing to do really well and is a great help with our funding needs. However, we are currently reviewing other options to provide us with a firm foundation to continue with the much-needed support we offer to Wirral families.

I'm sad to mention that several, well-loved staff members will be leaving over the next few weeks. Sara will be much missed at the shop in Claughton but I we all wish her well in her new job and thank her for her fantastic work with HSW. Jo has taken voluntary redundancy but I hear she is going to come back as a Breastfeeding volunteer – so well done to Jo!

Finally, I personally want to offer my best wishes to my own coordinator, Suzy. She is leaving us for the warmer climate of Cyprus in a few weeks. It was a pleasure to work with Suzy and I wish her and her family every success in the future.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you want to discuss anything about your experience volunteering with HSW. My contact details are:-

Mobile 07970 652 690.

Email: johnjones@thewo.org.uk

Any contacts will be treated confidentially.

Best Regards

John

Welcome!

We would like to say well done and welcome to all of the new Family Support and Breastfeeding Peer Support volunteers that completed their Course of Preparation before the Christmas Break.....



We Are Recruiting.....

WE WANT YOU!!!!!!

**Could you be a Home-Start Wirral
Family Support Volunteer??**

Are you a parent or grandparent?

Are you able to spare 3 hours a week?

Do you have family or friends that would like to volunteer their time?

Home-Start Wirral volunteers visit families at home, supporting Parents in situations such as isolation, illness, multiple births, Mental health issues or who are just finding parenting a struggle.

They provide non-judgmental practical and emotional support and help build the families confidence and ability to cope.

*All volunteers will be subject to a Disclosure
and Barring Service Check
(DBS)*

**Contact us on: 0151 608 8288
For more information**

Charity Shop Update...

Thank you to shop volunteer **Brenda Hawker** who knitted this fabulous nativity scene to raise funds for Home Start Wirral. Nearly 100 people bought raffle tickets for it and the lucky winner was Tony, a regular customer at our Neston shop. He was thrilled with to hear he has won.

We are looking for prizes for a fundraising spring draw.

Please get in touch if you can offer us a prize.



We would like to thank everyone who made our **Neston shop** a success. Unfortunately it will be closing at the end of January as the premises were donated to us on a temporary basis by Centric Community projects. A commercial tenant has now been found so sadly we have to move out. It was a pleasure to meet the volunteers, customers and donors in Neston and we will miss them all.



Best wishes to Heather White our fabulous Claughton volunteer who has left to have her baby. We are all looking forward to meeting her new bundle of joy when he arrives.





Training sessions available from Jan- April 2018

Full day Safeguarding Session

Monday 12th February 9:30-2:30pm
Home-Start Wirral Hub, Woodchurch Lane CH42 9PH

The Importance of Play

Monday 5th March 9:30-2:30pm
Home-Start Wirral Hub Woodchurch Lane

Domestic Abuse Training with Maria Morgan

Thursday 15th March 6pm-8pm
Home-Start Wirral Hub, Woodchurch Lane

Safeguarding Refresher

Tuesday 27th March 10am-12pm
Home-Start Wirral Hub, Woodchurch Lane

Energy Project Plus Training

Wednesday 21st February 10am-11am
Home-Start Wirral Hub, Woodchurch Lane

Deaf Awareness Training

TBC

Home-Start Wirral Hub, Woodchurch Lane

If you are unable to attend any of these sessions and would prefer a different day/time please get in touch and we can try and arrange an alternative.

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Life Long & Family Learning Courses...

Best Start

This course is aimed at helping parents to understand brain development & what they can do to give their child the best start by building strong attachments & creating safe environments.

Discover & Do

This course targets parents with the hope to develop their understanding of the benefits of outdoor play and help to overcome barriers of engagement by using different play styles and being creative

Ready 4 Maths

This course will be for parents looking to improve their math's skills and aim to give them a solid foundation in early math's literacy.

Parents, Early Years & Learning

This course looks to give parents the confidence to support their children through early years of their academic journey.

Parents, SEND & learning

This course is aimed specifically at parents with a child dealing with a SEND condition. We hope to give the parents confidence to support their child in the early years of their academic journey.

Healthy Happy Homes

Aimed at parents looking to support their children and understand young people's mental health as well as building family resilience.

**If you or anyone you know is interested in any of these courses please get in touch with our Family Learning Coordinator Jess Gaskell
For more information on: 0151 608 8288
Or jessicagaskell@homestartwirral.co.uk**



Breakfast Club For all the Family!

Are you always super rushed in the morning?

Has someone used the last of the milk?

Bring the Kids along for a free breakfast at the Home-Start Wirral Hub

Every weekday 8:00-8:45am

**Our Home-Start Shop will also be available.
Come and get your household products at a
Fraction of the shop prices
Our Maximising Income**

Co-ordinator will be available every morning to support you with any issues or queries you may have

**For more
Information call us on 0151 608 8288**