



BRAM LONGSTAFFE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

JUNE / JULY 2006 NEWSLETTER

Issue 7

Dear Parents / Carers

Summer is here and June is the National Sure Start month. For information you can go to www.nationalsurestartmonth.com. On the site you will find that our contribution to the celebration of our children's early years will be the Marathon Challenge in aid of children with Leukaemia.

Towards the end of July some of our children will be leaving us to go to Primary School, to celebrate we will be having a 'Grand Leavers Ball'. Details will follow to those families who are leaving us.

We hope you agree that our woodland garden is looking good. The children enjoy learning about different trees and flowers. We're watching out for birds and butterflies now.

Thank you for your understanding when we lost our dear friend Judith Walmsley, in May. Judith had a long association with the Nursery, as teacher, deputy Head, Friends of Brams secretary and Governor. Her kind, quiet dedicated spirit had a great influence on many people and in my opinion a true legacy and memory of Judith is that her kind, quiet and dedicated spirit is carried on by certain members of staff at Bram who worked closely with her.

I hope you all have a lovely summer.

Jackie

ATTENTION

For 5 weeks over the summer we will be running **The Holiday Club** for 3 & 4 year olds.

Places are limited, so please pick up an application form from reception and return it before **Monday 3rd July**.



There will be face painting, art & craft activities, pirates and clowns days, a bouncy castle day as well as many more exciting activities.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 7th June - Sponsored Walk around Barrow Island

Mon 12th - Fri 16th June - Father's Day Lunch Week

Thurs 15th June - World Cup Day

Thursday 13th July - Centre trip to Grizedale Forest.

Wed 19th July - Grand Leavers Ball

Fri 21st July - Inset Day - Centre closed for staff training

Mon 24th - Fri 28th July - Shutdown week, entire Centre closed for holiday.

Mon 31st July - Centre re-opens for care sessions and Holiday Club.

REMINDER for Parents / Carers

Please can you make sure that you close all doors behind you, especially the ones within the centre with high handles and the main black entrance gate, as you enter and leave the building. This is to ensure the safety of all our children.

TRAINING @ BRAMS

FREE Introduction to Counselling Course.

Here @ Bram - Fridays 12.00 noon-6.00pm

June 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th & July 14th

Interested see reception or Jackie for details.

FREE Community Parent Training

Here @ Bram & @ Barrow Island
Community Centre. Crèche available.

Mondays 9.30am - 2.30pm

June 12th, 19th, 26th, July 3rd & 10th

Application forms are available from reception
to be returned to Sure Start
Limited places.

TOY LIBRARY/DROP IN

We offer a drop in play session for children
aged 0 - 4 years old and their parent/carer.
The session costs 75p per child, this includes
borrowing a toy for a week. Monday & Friday
mornings @ Barrow Island Community
Centre, between 10.00am till 12 noon.
Everybody Welcome!

INFANT MASSAGE -

A Loving Touch

For parents and babies under one.

Thurs 1.00pm-2.30pm

Places available for Sept 06 course by
contacting Sue Hawitt - 894638

*Being touched and caressed,
Being massaged, is food for the infant,
Food as necessary as minerals, vitamins and
proteins.*

Dr. Frederick Leboyer



Events for Families

- ❖ Party to celebrate The Queen's 80th Birthday at Barrow Central Library on Saturday June 24th. There will be games and activities throughout the day, including:-
 - 11am - 12 noon yummy cakes, drinks and activities
 - 2pm - 3pm fun and games!!
 - Come in fancy dress if you wish

- ❖ **CUMBRIA SURE START - FREE**
Family Fun Day at Lake District Visitors Centre, Brockhole. Sunday 25th June, 11.00am - 4.00pm. There will be lots of activities throughout the day. Although the event and activities are free to children and families, the visitors centre does charge for car parking.
For more information contact Katie Walker on 08457 125737.

Shared Learning Play

A group for Children and Parents, carers and Grandparents to play and explore together.

**There are 2 sessions held in the
BLUE ROOM @ Bram, each week on a
Wednesday 10.00am - 12.00noon
1.00pm - 3.00pm**

**Each family is allocated a place, so the same families come each week.
Spaces available for Sept 06,
ask for Lisa if interested.**

BABY CLINIC & CAFÉ

**On Thursday between
10.30am - 11.45am
in the Blue Room @ Bram.
Call in for a tea or coffee
and stay for a chat.
Open as usual throughout
Summer apart from the
centre shutdown week
Mon 24th - Fri 28th**

USEFUL EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Barrow Dental Access Centre - 835235
NSPCC-Child Protection - 0808 800 5000
SAMARITANS - Barrow 825656
Barrow Police - 824532
SAFE (Domestic Abuse Team) - 838746
NHS Direct Helpline - 0845 4647