

SCHEMENEWS

Newsletter for volunteers, families and friends of Home-Start Warrington

**Home
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Support and friendship
for families

Winter 2011/2012

Happy New Year from Home-Start Warrington

Home-Start Warrington relocates and celebrates with a Christmas Office Warming

In November 2011, we relocated to Meadowside CP & Nursery School, Clough Avenue, Longford. To celebrate, we held a Christmas event, in the Meadowside room, inviting Home Visiting Volunteers, Trustee Volunteers, Local Funders and the Staff of Meadowside. At this event, Kate welcomed everyone and gave thanks in particular to, Paula, the Head Teacher and her Staff and to Jimmy the Caretaker, all of whom had made the transition into the school so much easier. All our contact details remain the same, however, we no longer have a fax facility, although we have kept the number 01925 576100, and we can accept new referrals by e-mail.



English Half Marathon - Sunday 18th September 2011



We have almost collected all our funds now from this event and would like to thank all of our runners, some of whom did the event for a second time to raise funds for us. To date, we have raised £4,500. If any of our runners need to get their sponsorship to us, please give us a call. We will have spaces for the 2012 event, so if you feel you would like to fundraise for us, put your name down with us and your entry is paid for! If you have any ideas around fundraising, please get in touch.

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Thanks to all our fundraisers/funders

We are extremely grateful for all the donations that we receive. Since our last Newsletter was printed, we have received: -

£85 from a cake sale at St Barnabas Primary School, run by Mariska Berveling, Home Visiting volunteer.

£300 donation from Cheshire Police Property Fund, this fund was recommended to us via our local PCSO, David Brownlee and approved by Inspector Richard Rees.

£371.53 raised at a bag pack at Stockton Heath Co-op on 26th November 2011. Many thanks to the customers at the Co-op and to our helpers on the day, Staff, Volunteers and Friends of Home-Start.

£250 donated by Vicky & Richard Fleetwood towards our Half marathon funds. Vicky & Richard have supported us at both events, so many thanks to them.

£250 donated by one of our Home Visiting Volunteers, via the Charities Aid Foundation.

£1000 grant from Key 103 Cash for Kids, for our 2012 Family trips and events.

We are now registered as a charity on eBay and as such, items can be auctioned for charity with us as beneficiary- you determine the percentage we receive! If you need more information, please contact Steph on 01925 652320/576100.



Sponsor a Volunteer



Mike Lomax, MD of Total Steelwork and Fabrication Ltd, Warrington has recently donated £220 to fund a volunteer to support a family in Warrington.

If you feel able to do the same, we would like to hear from you, call us on 01925 652320/576100.

Volunteer Preparation Course



Our latest group of volunteers completed their training in November. The volunteers are now available to support the families referred into our service.

Further training will be available to all of our volunteers in the New Year. The first of which is Mental Health training on 25th January 2012. If your names not down – call us.

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Also planned for the New Year, will be training on ECAT (Every Child a Talker) and Positive Thoughts.

Dates will be confirmed at a later date.

Christmas Food Hampers

Thanks to the harvest festival contributions at Meadowside school, food donations from Lymm Lions and food parcels from Mariska Berveling (Home Visiting volunteer), we were able to distribute food hampers to some of our supported families. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Christmas presents for supported families

Thanks to Helen Johnson, organiser of Santa's Xtra Present 2011 appeal. Helen donated toys to Home-Start that helped to make up the Christmas presents for the children of our supported families. Also, thanks to the Children's Society for their toy donations. Many thanks Helen and to Sue Preston of the Children's Society, for thinking of our charity.

Trustees Wanted



We are asking people with professional skills to step forward and be volunteer Trustees, to help guide and oversee our work supporting local families with young children. We need people with a broad range of skills to become members of our Board of Trustees: from managers of small businesses and lawyers, to people with an understanding of information technology, human resources, finance or accounting. If you like the idea of being part of an active board of Trustees who help to govern and influence the direction of the scheme, please call us for a no obligation chat. Call Steph on 01925 652320/576100

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If yes then do you know you could raise funds for use at **NO** cost to you!

If you register with www.easyfundraising.org.uk, and choose Home-Start Warrington as the cause you would like to support and shop via this site, we will receive a small percentage of your purchase, **at no extra cost to you.**

You will also receive e-mail alerts of discounts and saving on goods and services. If you would like any help to set this up, call Steph on 01925 652320, or ring us to arrange to pop in the office and I will assist you. All online purchases through this site will generate an income for us.



Family Group at Meadowside CP & Nursery School

On February 23rd, Home-Start, in partnership with Sure Start, will be launching a new group at Meadowside Community Primary School. The group will run every Thursday between 09.15 and 10.30 for babies and children up to school age. It will provide excellent play opportunities for children and their parents. Parents can also meet new friends and get help and support if necessary.

Home-Start is currently recruiting volunteers for this group. Please call the office if you are interested on 01925 652320/576100.