



NEWSLETTER

LUNE PARK, CARNFORTH, HALTON & GALGATE CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Winter

January to March

'Best Start Lancashire'

We are very excited to be involved in the **Best Start Lancashire** initiative. This means we can now work with families of children aged 4-7 who receive Free School Meals (that's reception, years 1 and 2).

Schools local to our centres at Lune Park, Carnforth, Halton and Galgate are involved - for us that means up to 30 schools.

The schools receive some money for each child on Free School Meals to improve reading, maths, speech and language. This extra money is really important for schools, so if you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals and don't receive them - please sign up (details below).

Our 'bit' is to provide family support, parenting groups and ideas for encouraging parents to get involved in school.

Schools can refer families and children (with their consent) for extra support. If you feel you would like help for you and your 4-7 year old, please

have a chat with school or call **Debbie Frith on 01524 382818**. We want to help your child get the best out of school and to be happy and healthy!

Households who are in receipt of any of the following do not have to pay for school meals:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HMRC) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credits 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

'Smile 4 Life'

Do you have a dentist?

We recently asked this question at our open day, we discovered quite a few that don't have a dentist.

If you don't have a dentist we can help you!

Pop into the Centre and speak to Sammie, our Oral Health Champion or ring Sammie on 01524 382818

We will be able to provide you with all the information you need and support you to access a dentist.



'New Look Information Board at Lune Park'

In response to the consultation that we held in Autumn we have changed the notice board in the Foyer at Lune Park so that we can present information more clearly.

The board is divided into 4 sections; one for our 'Newsletter', one for 'What's On' another for 'What's New' and the last for 'General Information' concerning the centre.

The Newsletter will now be quarterly for Spring, Summer, Autumn and winter; these will be available throughout the four centres and also on the notice board. On your advice we have separated What's On from the Newsletter so that information is clearer and less muddled.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter it would be lovely to receive some good news from our parents to share. Please see a member of reception staff if you would like to contribute in the future.

In terms of Carnforth, Halton and Galgate we intend to provide information in the same way once we have Lune Park up and running.

Finally if you feel we have missed anything or you would like to make a comment on the new Information Board please either add to the comments book located around the centre or speak to member of staff.

Many thanks, Jude

'Nippers Newsletter'



Goodbye
Scott
Richmond

2 - 4's room

Good Luck

on your travels.
We will miss you so much.



Congratulations and
'Well Done'
Alex
Wilson

who is now Level 3 qualified.



Louise
Shaw
Nursery Manager

starts her Early Years
Professional Status (EYP)
this January.

Good Luck



'New Charging Policy'

'Thank You' for your support with the new charging policy.

Some of your contributions were spent to buy books and food for the children's Christmas parties in all of our Children's Centres.

Please see our **'Charging Policy Feedback'** notice board in Lune Park reception to view your feedback on the new charging policy.

If you have any questions regarding the charging policy, please ask a member of our team who will be happy to help.

'Courses'

Paediatric First Aid Foundation

One 2 hour session a week for 3 weeks

Lune Park Fridays starting
24th February 9:30 to 11:30am

also running from

Carnforth (The Hub) Thursdays starting
23rd February 12:45 to 2:45pm

Crèche places provided for all children under school age.

For further details and to secure your place please contact Carol on 01524 382818

'Stepping Stones'

A group for young mums under 24

Enjoy lunch and a chat

Fun activities for you and your child

Lune Park Children's Centre

Wednesday 12-1:30pm

Come along and join a small friendly
supportive group.

If you would like to know more then give
Carla a ring on 01524 382818

"I enjoy coming to young mum's with my 21 month old daughter due to the fact there is loads of activities to do, and the play leaders that run it make you feel so welcome. It's a free group and you also get your dinner."

"My little girl loves coming to play and interact with other children, also you can socialise with other parents which I find comforting."

by Hayley Jowett (young mum)

LUNE PARK Children's Centre
Ryelands Park
Owen Road
Lancaster LA1 2LN
01524 382818

CARNFORTH Children's Centre
at The Carnforth Hub
Kellet Road
Carnforth LA5 9LS
01524 727900 or 382818

HALTON Children's Centre
Next to Halton Library
Pennystone Road
Halton LA2 6QE
01524 382818

GALGATE Children's Centre
Ellel St John's C of E P Sch.
Chapel Street
Galgate LA2 0GS
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