

# TEME VALLEY VIEWS

## January 2012

The New Year shall begin with a huge thank you to our supporters, parents and carers for the Donations and Contributions made during the latter part of 2011.

As a result of the money paid for families to attend our Stay and Play sessions, and donations received at our other events, a total of just over £200 has been raised.

The contributions are used to help fund the hire of halls, the provision of snacks etc and the donations have gone towards special events such as Christmas parties and the purchase of play equipment and materials. As you can see the Christmas Parties were enjoyed by all! The picture shows Freya Williams with her princess crown!

Everyone at the Teme Valley Children's Centre is extremely grateful for these contributions and donations which enable us to bring to you services and events within the 130 square mile Teme Valley area.



## Counsellor appointments

We would like to remind everyone, we have a Counsellor affiliated with the Children's Centre who sets aside a Thursday of each month to provide free and confidential counselling service for families with children under 5 years within the Teme Valley area .

The next set of appointments are available on 5th January 2012 between 1pm-5pm. If you would like to book an appointment please contact the Children's Centre.



## Text Messaging Service

We are currently arranging a service to allow quick updates to be sent by text. If you would like to receive such messages please let a member of the team know. We will need your mobile number and email address and it will mean we can send you a quick message (eg if there are changes to services because of bad weather).

## Contact Us.....

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# Calling all Fathers, Grandads and Male Carers

Would you like to find out what your children are doing when they come to a group run by the Children's Centre? Then why not come along and see for yourself how your child enjoys themselves – help them to paint, read a story, make sandcastles, create major works of art! You are welcome to join our Stay and Play sessions in Tenbury, Martley or Alfrick.



Our Bumps to Babes groups are not just for the ladies either! Fathers and male carers are most welcome to attend. We have a variety of guest speakers who offer advice and guidance on all sorts of child related topics such as dental health, sleeping, feeding, safety in the home to name but a few. Choose from either Tenbury on a Monday morning or Clifton on a Thursday – or if you are really keen – both!! Gentlemen please do come along, as we don't want you to miss out!

## Speech and Language Service

We are delighted to announce that our local Speech and Language Therapist will be dropping in to our **Martley Stay and Play Hub** on **January 26th, February 23rd and March 22nd**. She will be participating in the sessions and chatting to families about any questions that you may have in relation to speech and language development or any concerns in connection with your own child.



## Citizens Advice Bureau

Our Stay and Play sessions at Alfrick Village Hall also include a drop in service by our local Citizens Advice Bureau representative on a Friday, the fourth week of every month. Jane Newton will next be in Alfrick on **27th January 2012**.



## Coming up next month...

Our Nearly New Table Top Sale returns at **Lower Broadheath Village Hall** on **Saturday 25th February** an ideal opportunity to sell unwanted quality items or bag yourself a bargain. Please contact the Centre if you would like to be a seller, tables cost £8.50, entrance 50p per person.

## You said ..... We did!



Thank you to everyone who completed Annual Satisfaction Questionnaire, these provide invaluable insight and enable us to tailor future events to suit your needs, our findings are currently being collated and will be reported back next month.

In addition, a Parents Forum will be held in Tenbury on **18th January 2012 at 10.30am** (venue to be confirmed). We have 5 parents already signed up. This is an ideal opportunity to share your views and enable us to understand the support and sessions you would like to have or see in the coming year. To be involved please contact the Centre as soon as possible, we will be delighted to have you participate as your views are important to us.

## Local information

Some of you may know the Hanley Playgroup has now sadly closed however they are in the process of donating a number of items and this includes some children's play barriers. If you are interested please contact Liesje Thomas on 01886 853663.

