



## Charville Children's Centre

### SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER

Open for Family support and breastfeeding advice at all times

Home visiting and confidential appointments can be arranged with friendly staff

**Our Vision Statement:**

*Charville Children's Centre is a dynamic and exciting community space that aims to inspire children and families to reach their full potential through creative and innovative learning and development.*



## NEWS

### Hillingdon Children's Centre Consultation

Most of you will be aware that the consultation has now closed around the proposed new model for Hillingdon Council Children's Centres. This new model sadly includes two centres closing; Hillside and Uxbridge College. Charville Children's Centre will become a linked centre as part of a hub and spoke model with the hub lead being Yeading Children's Centre.

I know that many of you will be worried about the future of children's centre services. We do anticipate that there will be changes to our current programmes from April 2017 and we ask that you bear with us and we will inform you of any changes that may occur.

During the summer term, **Stay and Play Arts and Crafts** will not be running, however this service may be brought back in the future.

#### Staffing update

Sarah Hill will be going on maternity leave in March with her baby due in May. Sarah has been hugely influential at the centre in supporting us with data on children's learning and development and bringing her expertise to Musical Babies and our new programme Attention Hillingdon. We wish Sarah and bump all the best for the future and hope that she will bring baby back in when she is ready so we can all have our cuddles☺.

Some of you may have met with Aimee in our Stay and Plays and other groups. Aimee has been on her final year social work placement with us and will be completing this in May. Aimee has been a huge help and I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best for her future career in Social work.

#### Volunteer Update

We highly value our volunteers here at the centre, and would like to welcome our current volunteers officially to the centre. They are happy to assist and support our families and most have been centre users so have a great understanding of what services may help you.

<b>Charville Volunteers</b>	<b>Role</b>
Ayesha	Crèche assistant
Karen	Reception/Admin
Georgie	Crèche assistant
Parnian	Crèche assistant
Chantelle	Crèche assistant
Victoria	Stay & Play assistant

We are running a three week **volunteer training** course starting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. If you would like to join us as a volunteer and gain work experience in a supportive environment, register by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. A crèche space is available.

### SERVICE UPDATE

#### Attention Hillingdon

Sarah and Terrie have been running this innovative programme for children aged 2-3 years of age since the autumn term. The centre have now achieved **Champion Status** so huge congratulations and well done to the team for their hard work and effort. If you are interested or want to know more about this programme, please have a chat with Sarah or Terrie.

#### 2 year childcare entitlement

We have been working hard with childcare providers in Charville to increase the take up of the 2 year funded childcare offer for families. 74% of eligible children in Charville are now taking up their free 15 hours of childcare, and we would love to help more families take up this entitlement. Please speak with a member of the team who can help you complete the online form and provide guidance on childcare in the area. You can also contact Hillingdon families' information service on 01895 556489.

#### P3 Family advice clinic

*Do you have housing issues? Does the benefit cap affect you? Struggling with debt? Legal advice needed?*  
**Then book now for a 1:1 confidential appointment at the centre with a P3 advisor – Every fortnight on Monday starting at 9.30-12.30.**

#### Counselling & Wellbeing services

If you are struggling with daily life, feel anxious or depressed, you can speak with a member of the team who will help to refer you into these services. You can also refer yourself by contacting Talking Therapies on the following number: 01923 844667.

#### Cancelled Services

W/c 27<sup>th</sup> March, the following services will not be available; Musical Tots, Musical Babies, Stay and Play Healthy Tots.

### **NEW ADULT AND FAMILY LEARNING COURSES - REGISTERING NOW**

#### **FAMILY LEARNING**

**12.30-2.30**

**Talking Families Writing**

**Enrolment 25.4.17**

**Ends 11.7.17**

#### **FAMILY WELLBEING**

**9.30-11.30**

**HEALTHY LIFESTYLES**

**Adult learning course**

**Enrolment 25.4.17**

**Ends 11.7.17**

**Thank you for all of your support over the last six years.**

**The future of children's centres is uncertain and we hope that services will continue to meet the needs of our wonderful, friendly and inspiring community.**

Contact Details & Website:

You can access through the school website: [www.charville.hillingdon.sch.uk](http://www.charville.hillingdon.sch.uk).

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**Monday-Friday 08.45 - 4.30pm**

Telephone for information: 0208-841-3266

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**Bus routes: U7, 195**

***Drop in and have fun at your centre soon***

