



ASK is a registered charity based in Steeple Ashton seeking to support Wiltshire's parents through the provision of information, advice and services.

Did you know?

- ask can provide details of all childminders in the Bradford on Avon area
 - ask can help with maternity pay queries
 - ask can provide details of local activities for children
 - ask can give information and guidance if your child is being bullied
- Contact ASK on 08457 585072 info@askwiltshire.org www.askwiltshire.org

STORY SACKS

On Thursdays (1.15pm-2.30pm) at the BoA Sports and Social Club, Story Sack sessions will provide an interactive look at stories for you and your child to enjoy together. Each week we will look at a different story through reading, role play and craft activities. Story Sack sessions can improve your child's concentration, listening skills, imagination and contribute to school readiness through improved language skills and self confidence. If you would like to join us, please contact Chris on 01225 867184

TALK ABOUT

Taking Care of Baby Teeth —Tuesday, 22nd March, 1.30-2.30 pm
 Understanding Your Child's Feelings —Tuesday, 19th April, 1.30-2.30 pm
 If you feel you need help or encouragement with either of these topics, come and join Chris at the Children's Centre (no need to book) or ring her for more information.



The Children's Centre Admin office is open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday but the Centre is open for information and support between 8am and 6pm. Please contact the nursery outside the admin office hours.

The Children's Centre Team

- Liz Purling — Centre Manager
- Debbie Lewis — Outreach Worker
- Chris Auty — Outreach Worker
- Becky Bailey — Outreach Worker
- Jo Chandler — EYAT
- Deborah Reid — Administrator
- Tracy Marquiss— Administrator

Admin Office Opening Times

MONDAY	9.00 am — 5.00 pm
TUESDAY	9.00 am — 5.00 pm
WEDNESDAY	9.00 am — 5.00 pm
THURSDAY	9.00 am — 5.00 pm
FRIDAY	9.00 am — 5.00 pm

Please let the Children's Centre know if your circumstances change, you change your address, or if there is an addition to your family so that we can update your records.

If you, or someone you know, have difficulty reading this newsletter, please contact the Children's Centre Office to discuss how we may help.

NEWSLETTER 15

March/April 2011



A Sure Start Children's Centre

Spring has sprung!

Supporting all families with children aged 5 and under in the Bradford on Avon Community Area

Bradford on Avon Community Children's Centre
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**WEEKLY EVENTS AT THE AVON SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB
TROWBRIDGE ROAD**

- **Tweenys**—Every Thursday, 10am-11.45am - a stay and play session for under 2's. Breastfeeding peer-supporters will be attending these sessions to offer help and advice with breastfeeding. The Toy Library is also available at this time.
- **Story Sacks**—Every Thursday from 1.15pm to 2.30pm (see back page).
- **Toy Library**—Every Thursday, 2.30pm-3.00pm - an opportunity to borrow different toys for a small charge.

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

- **Post Natal—Monday, 10am to 12 noon**
The health visitors plan and run an 8 week programme of post-natal sessions. For more information please contact the Health Visiting Team on 01225 865660.
- **Bumps 'n' Babies and Baby Sensory—Monday, 1.30pm to 3.30pm**
A drop-in group with peer support and advice for mums of babies up to six months old and mums-to-be. Advice on breastfeeding is available if required. There is supervised play for older siblings up to 5 years old.
- **Young Parents and Babies or Bumps – Tuesday, 12.15pm to 1.15pm**
If you are 19 years old or under and are expecting or have a young child, then come along to meet others and join us for lunch.
- **Ante Natal—Tuesdays and Thursdays**
The midwives provide ante natal appointments here at the centre. Please call the midwife team on 01225 711314 between 9am and 12 noon, Monday to Thursday, to book your ante natal appointment.
- **Under One's Group—Tuesday, 10am to 12 noon**
The last Tuesday of every month will be a baby sensory session. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Children's Centre on 01225 867184.
- **The Child Health Clinic—Wednesday, 9.30am to 11.30 am**
The health visitors run a weekly drop-in baby clinic here at the Children's Centre. Come along for information or advice and for baby weigh-in.
- **Twins Group—Wednesday, 12 noon to 1.15 pm**
A drop-in group for parents/carers of twins or multiple-births.
- **Baby Massage**— Contact the health centre for further information on 01225 865660.
- **Childminder's Drop In—1st & 3rd Thursday of each month, 9am to 12 noon**—Contact the Children's Centre on 01225 867184 for more information.

INCREDIBLE YEARS—2011

We are offering a 9 week course on Parenting Toddlers to address some of the specific challenges involved with caring for children in this age group. If you would like to know more about the course, what it covers and how you could join in, please call Chris Auty or Debbie Lewis on 01225 867184.

ADVISORY BOARD DATES

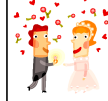
The next Advisory Board meeting is due to be held at the BoA Sports and Social Club, Trowbridge Road, BA15 1EX, on **Thursday, 24th March** at 12.15pm. If you are interested in having a say on how the Children's Centre meets the needs of the community, then you are welcome to come along and join in. A crèche will be provided for small children, and a light sandwich lunch will be available. For further information, please contact the Children's Centre on 01225 867184.

EASTER AT ST. MARGARET'S



The Children's Centre will be at St. Margaret's Hall on Wednesday, 13th April and Wednesday 20th April between 9.30 and 11.30. We'll have fun, make things and sing songs so come along and join in. No need to book

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The Children's Centre will be closed for the Easter break on Friday 22nd and Monday 25th April and again for the Royal Wedding on Friday 29th April.



FIRST AID COURSES FOR PARENTS ON 0-5s - FREE!



- **Thursday, 3rd March—10.00-12 noon - crèche available**
 - **Saturday, 5th March—10.00-12 noon**
- These sessions are held at the Bradford on Avon Children's Centre. They do not give you a first aid qualification but will address your worries and concerns about illnesses and accidents and how to deal with first aid situations within your own family. If you would like more details or to join, then please contact us on 01225 867184.

PARENT & TODDLER GROUPS



- Footprints Toddler Group** @ the United Church Hall — Mon 10.00-11.30am
- Contact Catrin Alsop 01225 755993
 - Holt Tiny Tots** @ United Reformed Church Hall, Holt — Tues 9.45-11.45am
- Contact Rachel McBride 01225 782832
 - Churchfield Crawlers** @ Monkton Farleigh School Hall—Tues 9.30-11.30am.
- Contact Becky 01225 867184
 - Woodland Tots** @ St Margaret's Hall — Wed 9.30-11.30am
- Contact elanorjane@talk21.com
 - Limpley Stoke Toddler Group** @ The Old Bakery, Freshford—Thurs 9.15-11.30am
- Contact Ruth Tallboys 01225 723013
 - Winsley Toddlers** @ Winsley Village Hall—Fri 10.00-12.00pm.
- Contact Kristina by email on chocbunnie@hotmail.com
 - Christian Fellowship P&T Group** @ BoA Youth and Community Centre — Fri 10-11.30am
- Contact The Church Centre 01225 868361
 - Hollyhocks Seedlings** @ Churchfields, Monkton Farleigh School Hall— Wed 12.45-2.45pm, Thurs 10.00-12.00pm & 1-2.45pm. - Contact Chrissie Weltike at chrissieweltike@hotmail.co.uk
 - Broughton Gifford** @ - Thurs 10.00-11.30am - Contact—to be confirmed
- For full details please contact Deborah, Tracy or Becky at the Children's Centre on 01225 867184*

