

Dear Parents and Carers,

Does your child like to do any of the following again and again?

- Post things in shoes, holes, behind the radiator, in the DVD player
- Throw things across the room
- Build tall towers
- Put things in bags
- Move things from place to place
- Turn everything upside down
- Spin around until they are dizzy
- Transport things around in a pram, buggy, bucket
- Fill their pockets with toys
- Cover their face with paint or make up
- Cover pets, toys with blankets
- Fill and empty containers
- Create dens
- Line up their toys on top or next to each other
- Rock on a chair
- Hang upside down on the climbing frame
- Take the lid off everything
- Join things together and then take them apart

Would you like to know why? If you do please come along on Friday 10th November 1pm-3pm Hazel Avenue to find out. The session will even help you choose Christmas presents for your child and it will certainly help you to support your child. Tickets are available through Eventbrite www.guildfordnscscc.eventbrite.co.uk. **This is free for our parents.** We have a limited number of spaces in the nursery if you would like to attend this session but have no one to look after your child.

The work that the children and families did with Becci Kenning will be on display at Guildford Museum next week. You are all invited to the opening of the display on Tuesday 24th October at 10am. The Mayor will be there!

It has been lovely for the children's centre team to be involved in parent meetings this week and sharing your child's development. It has also given us more opportunities to get to know your children, what they like doing and how the children's centre can support you to further their learning at home.

You should all have a copy of the children's centre half term timetable, we look forward to seeing you all at our open garden afternoons.

Claire Etherington from the '**National Careers Service**' will be at Hazel Avenue site **on Friday 3rd November** from 10.30 – 12.00pm. Claire is available for any parents who would like some advice and guidance around volunteer opportunities, benefit, transferable skills, going back to work and any other support and guidance within this area. Bookable appointments are available if needed.

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We are really pleased to be working more closely with 'Walk for Health'. As you know, the children's centre run a walk for health on Monday mornings, this is a drop in group open to all parents with children. 'Walk for Health' have set up a weekly hour long walk on Whitmoor common. There will be a **community bus collecting from the children's centre car park (Hazel Avenue) at 10.30am starting Friday 7th November 2017**. This is for adults only or older children who can walk that little bit further. All welcome.

Shani Orchard, CC receptionist at Hazel Avenue will be leaving us on Thursday 19th October. We would like to thank Shani for her continued hard work and support and wish her all the best for the future. You will be greatly missed Shani.

We will be having some much needed remedial works done to the car park at Hazel Avenue on the following dates:

Monday 23rd October, Tuesday 24th October , Friday 27th October , Saturday 28th October.

Unfortunately you will not be able to park on site on these days. Apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Coming soon – Free Legal Advice Clinic – 14th November 2017

For those of you who we will not see during half term, have a lovely week and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday 30th October.

Kind regards

Sally Cave
Head teacher

Dates for your diary:

Fri 20th Oct: Nursery and Centre closed for inset day 1

23rd-27th Oct: half term holiday with holiday club

7th Nov 9-10am and 9th Nov 2.30-3.30pm: Everybody count together, parents invited

Friday 10th November 1-3pm at Hazel Avenue: Come and find out about your child's play patterns. Free for our parents, £15 for parents from other schools and settings

Weds 15th November 9.30am: workshop for parents applying for a primary school place at Hazel Avenue for parents of both sites

Fri 24th Nov: Nursery and Centre closed for inset day 2

1st Dec 2.30pm and 4th Dec 9am: decorate the Christmas tree, parents invited

Weds 13th December, 4.30pm: family nativity at St John's Church, Stoke for all the family

Thursday 14 December: Christmas lunch for all children and staff

Fri 15th Dec: Christmas jumper day

20 Dec 11.30am and 2.45pm: Christmas sing along, parents invited

21 Dec 9-12: Christmas party for all nursery children, staff and Santa! Parent volunteers, hopefully! **Nursery term ends at 12pm for all, no afternoon nursery or tea club**

22nd Dec-3rd Jan inclusive: no nursery and no holiday club