

WISHING WELL FAMILY CENTRE

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Wishing Well Family Centre is a locally based integrated, community organisation that offers support to families, responding in a caring and open way to social, educational, economic and environmental needs within our community.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER – CLOSED - Mon 13th & Tues 14th July - July Holiday

Monday 31st August - Bank Holiday



ROOM UPDATES

Baby Room

As the weather hopefully picks up during the summer months we hope to enjoy as much outdoor play as possible, with walks to the park, feeding the ducks at the local duck pond, trips to the Farm, Zoo and other various parks. Of course we will also spend time in our own back garden! The baby room will be filled with pictures, hand or foot prints, photographs and junk art in bright colours to represent summer and we will be transforming our room with a the beach theme.

Laura Burns - Supervisor

Toddler Room

Throughout June we will be focusing on different shapes and colours which will be evident in all areas of the children's play including crafts. During July & August we will concentrate on summer and our colour will be orange and our shape a circle. We will be decorating the room with beach and summertime related crafts. We hope to use our sand and water tray outside a lot more over the summer month's weather permitting, and will also be going on lots of trips and making use of our outdoor play areas.

Megan Hale -Supervisor

Junior Playgroup

During the month of June we will be concentrating on different animals. All activities will focus on this theme and colour, you will see our art activities displayed throughout the room. At the end of May we visited the farm and we will be displaying our photographs and drawings of what we saw there. During July and August we will be focusing our theme around summer holidays which will be evident throughout the room but particularly through our artwork. We hope to have some nicer weather to enjoy the outdoor play areas and gardens, where the children will be able to use the balancing beams, climbing frame, slide, bikes and sandpit area.

Nuala Heaney - Supervisor

Senior Playgroup

During the month of June the children will be very busy with all our summer arts and crafts. We hope to make a seaside mural using sand pictures, sponge painting and hand prints and have a lot of discussions about holidays, swimming pools and beaches. During the months of July & August the children are able to enjoy more free play - this encourages them to be more independent, making their own choices and decisions. We will continue the theme of summer and holidays, by creating travel pictures which will be made through sticking and cutting from various holiday brochures. We will be encouraging discussion about our own personal experiences of holidays and special days. Our themes are evident throughout all activities on offer in the room and children are encouraged to be involved at every opportunity. We wish all our children best wishes in their new pre-school year ahead and we hope they have enjoyed their time with us. As the weather begins to change, we hope the children will soon be able to enjoy more outdoor play.

Tracey Massey - Supervisor

Pre School

As the Pre School year comes to an end in June, we will be reflecting back over the year we have spent with the children preparing them for primary school. We would like to thank all our parents for their support over the past year and we hope the children settle into their new surroundings and routines quickly. We look forward to our Graduation on Friday 26th June and we hope you will all join us for this very special day.

Muriel Dalzell - Supervisor

Out of Schools

Our Out of Schools aims to create a safe, stimulating and happy environment for children. We are very busy on a daily basis helping with homework's and art and craft activities. We would like to remind parents if your child is unwell or not attending Out of Schools that you would contact the office before 1pm.

Michaela Simpson - Supervisor

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT FOR ANY REASON YOUR CHILD DOES NOT ATTEND NURSERY, FEES ARE STILL PAYABLE. THE ONLY TIME FEES ARE NOT PAYABLE IS WHEN THE CENTRE IS CLOSED

WE WOULD ASK ALL PARENTS TO ADHERE TO SESSION TIMES REGARDING DROP OFF & COLLECTION OF CHILDREN UNLESS OTHERWISE ARRANGED WITH ROOM SUPERVISOR. DROPPING CHILDREN OFF BEFORE SESSION TIMES OR LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN CAN AFFECT ROOM RATIO'S AND CAUSE PROBLEMS.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY -

Closures - DAY NURSERY - Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th July - July Holiday
Monday 31st August - Bank Holiday

PRE SCHOOL - Graduation Friday 26th June @10am

SUMMER SCHEME - Wednesday 1st July - Friday 28th August 2015
Closures wk. commencing Monday 13th July - reopening Monday 20th July

LUNCHES

Lunches are provided in Centre at a price of £2 per day for children who attend a full day. Lunch money should be paid at the beginning of each week. If you are going on holiday and wish to suspend lunches until you return please let us know in advance otherwise you will still be charged.

Our meals are provided by Moon & Spoon a catering company dedicated to providing wholesome, nutritious food specially designed for children. For further details please ask at reception



In future we will be including an extract from our policies in every newsletter, a full copy of all policies and procedures are available on request from reception.

Play Policy

We at Wishing Well Family Centre see play as the major vehicle to children's development and learning. Every child has the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts. We at Wishing Well Family Centre respect and promote these rights and encourage the provision of appropriate and equal opportunities for cultural, artistic, recreational and leisure activity. (UN Convention on the Rights of the Child).

Play opportunities enable children to develop confidence, self-esteem, independence and perseverance. The importance of emotional, personal and social development in the early years cannot be underestimated and has an impact on all areas of children's development and learning.

We at Wishing Well Family Centre want to ensure high quality learning and teaching opportunities and offered consistently to all children.

- We are committed to offering high quality learning experience which takes account of national and authority guidelines and updates are made in line with these regulations.
- We aim to build partnership with parents and value their contributions.
- We aim to create a safe, secure and stimulating learning environment.
- We aim to provide a wide range of high quality resources, well matched to the needs and interests of the children. Resources are well organised, easily accessible and well maintained.
- We are committed to equality and inclusion.
- The centre is committed to providing a programme of staff development and review.

We at Wishing Well Family Centre will strive to provide your child with an environment that will be caring, fun and stimulating. A child who feels happy, safe and secure is free to explore, learn and achieve to the best of their ability. A positive, consistent, inclusive and caring environment will help children develop self-esteem, confidence and independence. We implement ideas from Early Years Foundation Stage framework by providing activities that support the main learning areas. The learning environment within our setting is stimulating, challenging and reflects children's interests and experiences. It takes account of different stages of development and allows for choice, offering a good balance between free play and directed activity.



***Childcare places are available for children aged 6weeks - 3yrs
All at affordable prices, if interested please speak to
Karen or Catherine at reception***



We are now on Facebook and will be updating the page with important news and closures or up and coming events.

All parents/staff are welcome to add us as a friend - Wishing Well



Please ensure your child has a spare set of clothes for their day in nursery as accidents can happen.



Ashton Community Trust
Employment & Training Services

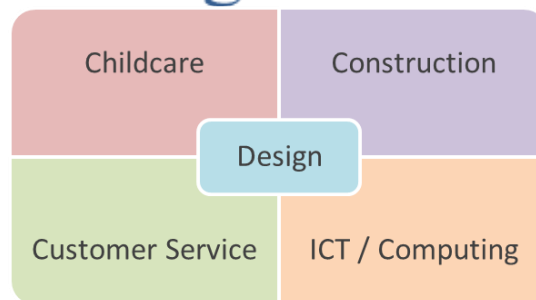
Can you answer YES to the following?



Then Ashton Community Trust has the perfect programme for you....
Our new Core Project offers support and opportunities within the following areas:



Training Available



Support within your area

A job club will be held every **Friday** morning from **10 am to 12 pm** in **Wishing Well Family Centre**. Come along for more information or contact Adam on adam.campbell@ashtoncentre.com or 90751934 for more information.

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