

Newsletter summer 2016

Hello!

I cannot believe it's so very nearly the summer holidays..... I know Caroline & the Play Leaders have been busy planning for months but it's somehow taken me by surprise. It never ceases to amaze me just how much work goes in behind the scenes planning these 4 weeks in 2 locations; making sure we try as best we can to meet everyone's needs. I hope everyone has all their places booked & we go some way to helping with everyone's survival strategy for the long summer break. I really do appreciate the challenges these long holidays bring. It's been a busy few months; with lots going on.

WE ARE MOVING OFFICE!

Please bear with us over the next few weeks as we move up the road to

**First Floor Offices,
73 Church Street,
Malvern
WR14 2AE**

(above Malvern Pharmacy).

Our phone number will stay the same 01684 892526.

Depending on how BT perform we should be all set up and working full time from there on **Mon 11th July**. In the meantime email & ring as usual & we shall make contact from somewhere.... We will have re-direction on our mail for a limited time.

We are really excited- there's loads more space, we can have access at weekends and it's a more central location. So hopefully we'll get more people being able to pop in to see us. DO CALL IN IF PASSING....

That's enough from me for now. There are boxes to be packed...

As always please do get in touch with me if you think I can help.

Maria Munday, Business Manager

Parent & User Group

We've started a new parent/carer/user group. The idea being an informal meeting for anyone who's willing to be that bit more involved in all that we're doing at MSF.

The plan is we'll meet up every couple of months (10 people signed up). We've had 2 meetings so far - 1 at White Stuff in Worcester & the other at The Fold, Bransford – both with cake & drinks!

I'm hoping it to be a sounding board for new ideas, providing help with fundraising and generally having a chat & seeing how we can share all our experiences together. I decided to set it up after 8 people showed an interest in doing so on the Annual Survey.



We're already planning a Coffee Morning in September with the hope of attracting more people to get involved. Watch this space.



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APPLY FOR THIS PLACE PLEASE BY LETTING US KNOW WHY WE
SHOULD CHOOSE YOU!
NO MORE THAN 1 SHEET A4 including how you intend to raise the
necessary sponsorship.
(Could you maybe get your employer to match fund you?)

OUR RUNNER WILL PAY £100 REGISTRATION FEE TO US AND WILL
PLEDGE TO RAISE A MINIMUM £1200 IN SPONSORSHIP TO HELP
SUPPORT OUR WORK; HOPEFULLY EVEN MORE!.....
WE'LL SUPPORT YOU IN THIS.
Our fundraising group (a group of parents, staff & trustees) will then
choose the right runner for us from all the applications. Good luck!

PLEASE SEND ALL APPLICATIONS BY 5 AUGUST 2016 TO:
MARIA MUNDAY, BUSINESS MANAGER
Email: manager@malvernspecialfamilies.org.uk
Phone for further information: 01684 892526
www.malvernspecialfamilies.org.uk

Registered Charity Number: 1143655

**EVERY MILE YOU RUN & EVERY PENNY YOU RAISE WILL MEAN WE
CAN PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED SHORT BREAK ACTIVITIES FOR OUR
FAMILIES**



On 9 June Helen Attree and I received our Weston Charity Award at a special event at ThinkTank in Birmingham. After a rigorous application process we were one of 16 charities chosen for this prestigious award from the North & the Midlands.

We have received £6200 of unrestricted funding for core-costs. In addition we also receive a 1 year programme of professional mentoring in partnership with Pilotlight; focusing on key issues that will help our charity to thrive. Pilotlight uses senior business leaders (from the likes of Microsoft, BP) to mentor charities to develop and face their future with confidence. We are incredibly excited about the year ahead on the programme and the benefits it will bring us in the longer term.

Following on from receiving this Award, with recent fundraising we've been successful with and with the office move (we now at least have space for an extra person!) - We will be recruiting a Community Fundraiser to join us in the very near future (a 1 year contract, part time post). Once this is all finalised I'll be emailing the details out to all our families, supporters and staff. I'm confident there is someone out there with all the right skills we're looking for!

It's
Back!



Colwall Church and Ale House
FESTIVAL

A great family day out!

St James Church, Mill Lane, Colwall
Saturday 16th July 2016 - 11am to 5pm

Please get in touch if you can help out
on our Tombola and
Children's Penalty Shoot Out



Help needed 11am-4pm please!

Call Maria in the office 01684 892526

Fundraising News!



To: Belle Beauty £842

White Stuff £587

Malvern Mumpreneurs £250

Weston Charity Award £6200

Garfield Weston £10,000

Basepoint Match funding £842



Trustees Sarah & Mark are organising a

Sponsored Walk

9 ½ miles across the Malvern Hills to raise funds for us on

Sunday 14 August 2016

Please contact Maria at the office on 01684 892526 if you would like to take part. The more the merrier!

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