



Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2020

We hope you have all been keeping safe and well.

We have really enjoyed being able to keep in touch with you all and have been working hard to try and support our families as best we can throughout the pandemic.



EXCITING NEWS!



We would like to share some very exciting news with you all -

The Place will have a permanent home very soon!

Work will start shortly to convert the offices at the rear of the Corn Exchange building to a purpose-built space funded by the Town Council, The Place Fundraising Board and the County Councillor's Priority Fund.

We are so excited and simply cannot wait to have 'The Place' ready for you to come and enjoy once our groups are allowed to resume!



We have even more wonderful news!



A huge Congratulations to Ashley and family on the safe arrival of their baby girl, Luca.

We wish them all the best and cannot wait to meet her!

Virtual Groups



As most of you know we have been adapting the way we work in order to maintain contact with you and offer our support during the pandemic. We have set up and been running various Virtual Groups via the Microsoft Teams App, which have been going really well.



We are hoping to start a NEW Story Time and Sing Along session on a Thursday morning for the older children. Please let us know if you and your child/ren would be interested in joining these sessions and we will work on getting this up and running as soon as possible.





FREE Craft Packs

We have put together some FREE craft packs and been delivering them to your doors and also been happy to loan out our resources and toys. If you would like a FREE craft pack or to borrow any of our toys please email us at: theplacefaringdon@spurgeons.org



Here's some of the fantastic creations the Children have made from our packs...



Sunflowers



Have you planted your sunflower seeds yet?

Don't worry there's still time!

If you have been planting them at home show us how they've been getting on...



Look how tall Zachary and Jayden's sunflowers have grown!!!



Clothes Library

We have been busy, with the help of some volunteers, sorting out the donations to the Maternity and Baby Clothes Library and delivering bundles to anyone in the local area. If you, or anyone you know, is expecting a baby and in need of maternity clothes, or your little ones have had a growth spurt and nothing fits, please do get in touch and we can arrange a delivery to you.



Faringdon FoodBank

We have been supporting Faringdon Town Council with the running of the FoodBank every Monday and Wednesday 10-12pm.

If you are struggling to provide for your family in these uncertain times please get in touch and we can make a referral for you.

THANK YOU

Volunteers

We would like to thank our amazing volunteers; Mairead, Becca and Rae who have supported us so well. Congratulations to Mairead! We were so pleased to hear she won this years Faringdon's Community Volunteer Award!



We are very pleased to share with you all that Joanna Cave will be joining us as a volunteer when we are able to run groups again and we have 3 other potential volunteers who are going through the recruitment process.

To keep the sustainability of the project and to be able to increase our programme, especially once our new home is ready, we need volunteers. If you think you may have some spare time with children going off to nursery and school or if you know of any relatives, friends or neighbours who may be able to spare a couple of hours either weekly, fortnightly, monthly, we would love to hear from you or them.

For more information please contact Carole on 07973 678837
email: cgough@spurgeons.org.



Ongoing Support



Carole and Lucy are available via text, phone and email every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am-3pm, if you fancy a chat or have any questions we really would love to hear from you. We are posting useful links, ideas and information on our Facebook page and Website.

For more information on how we can support you at home or if you would like to join any of our Virtual groups;

**New Parent New Baby Group - Baby Group - Breastfeeding Café
please email us at: theplacefaringdon@spurgeons.org
or call: Carole on 07973678837 or Lucy on 07973678827**



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