

Summer Newsletter 2021



Welcome back!

We have now finished our second block of groups and it has been so wonderful to welcome you all in the building and to be able to spend time with you and your little ones over the past few weeks. Thank you for adhering to our guidelines by wearing masks, social distancing and using hand gel. This has meant that a lot of parents have commented on how safe it has felt coming along to the groups. On that note, thank you also for your feedback forms, we are going to be looking at these during the summer break and taking on board any suggestions you may have.



We have been so pleased to welcome back Beth who leads our breastfeeding group and this has enabled lots of our mums to get support practically and emotionally around breastfeeding. We have also had Lucy from the Sling Library join us for a day and more dates will be organised for her to visit again in the Autumn.



We know that it has been incredibly difficult for so many of you, having babies during lockdown without access to face to face support. We will be posting some links to help with weaning and sleep advice onto our website and also have information available at groups.

Congratulations

As most of you will know, Lucy had a beautiful baby boy called Ozzy in May and some of you may have seen her around town or at one of our groups.

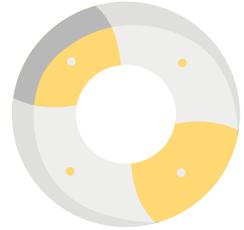
Huge congratulations Lucy, Ryan and family, we are delighted for you!

WELCOME

We are also very pleased to be able to welcome Laura and Wendy to the team, you may see them at some of our groups over the summer and will be starting regularly in our groups from September, including running groups on a Friday morning. More details about our September-December programme will follow within the next few weeks.

Summer Programme

Hopefully you will have received information about our Summer programme and we hope to see you at some of our sessions. We are looking forward to being part of the **Play Days** on the 6th August and we have attached information about this event.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank many organisations and individuals who have supported us, including a huge donation from **Faringdon United Charities**, which enabled new staff to be employed, **Churches Together** continued support and also funding from **Faringdon Town Council** which is essential for the project to continue.

We have also had **Debs** run over 62 miles (100 km) and raising over £950 and **Al Cane**, who along with buskers have raised over £500 over three Saturday mornings.

Perry Bishop has continued to support us with photocopying - which has meant a great saving on our admin costs.

Our **fundraising committee** has recruited over 9 mums, who are already working really hard to put on some events in the next few months. More information about this will be emailed out separately.

Thank you all so much, we are so grateful.

We are continuing to work with other organisations in the town and enjoy being part of the Faringdon community.

Thank you again, to you all, for joining us at The Place and allowing us to support you and your little ones.

if you need us, please call or message, we are always here to listen and support.

**We have really enjoyed spending time with you all.
Wishing you a lovely summer break.**

**Take care
Carole, Ashley and Iola**

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YOU

