

A warm welcome to our new Trustees



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We welcome 2 new Staff members



A warm welcome to Angela Raymond who joined our team as our new cleaner in February 2017. We have known Angela for some time as she originally came to us as a client.



A warm welcome to Vicky Mitchell who joined our team as our new Cook and Healthy Eating Project Supervisor on the 3rd July. Vicky was a volunteer in the kitchen. We have known Vicky for some time as she originally came to us as a client.

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Why become a Friend? As a Friend of The Family Haven you will be supporting the trustees and staff in helping provide the services our families so desperately need. Your regular subscriptions and offers of voluntary help are invaluable and support us in delivering our aims.

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Farewell



We said goodbye to our Cook and Healthy Eating Project Supervisor Chazz Mercer who left us on the 12th July.

The Family Haven Staff would like to say a big thank you for the hard work and dedication Chazz has given to The Family Haven for the past 2 years. She started with us as a volunteer in May 2015 in the kitchen and was permanently hired in October 2015. We wish her all the best for the future. She will be missed by all the staff, children and parents.

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Helping vulnerable families to a brighter future for over 25 years

Happy Handbags



We are very lucky to have been chosen for support from a new scheme set up to provide a handbag containing ladies personal items to women in time of great hardship and/or homelessness. We'd like to pass on the thanks from our mums and their families to Jeanne and everyone who donates to Happy Handbags. To find out more about the scheme go to www.happyhandbag.co.uk

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Let's be Friends



Make new friends,
but keep the old.
one is silver,
the other is gold.

We are very grateful to our Friends. Friends make it possible for local children and families to have a safe place to come during the day; a place where they may make friends and take a little break from the stresses and strains of daily life. Where they are able to get a hot, nutritious midday meal and an Outstanding pre-school education for the children.

Our Friends support the trustees and staff in providing these services. They give their support through their regular subscriptions, their publicising of our activities and achievements and when possible, offers of voluntary help.

If you are interested in becoming a friend from as little as £2 per month, please go to our website www.thefamilyhaven.com/how-you-can-help/become-a-friend/ or contact our Fundraiser Debbie Nevin by email: Debbie@thefamilyhaven.com or phone 01452 528692

Thank you for the donations towards our Cooker Hood.

The Family Haven staff, Trustees and families would like to say thank you to our donors, funders and supporters – you have raised over £1000 towards the cost of the cooker hood, making it possible for our families to continue to eat healthy, hot midday meals when they come to visit us – that is over a quarter of the cost and really helps to make sure we don't have to reduce other services to cover the costs. THANK YOU.

Our Trip to All Things Wild



On Friday 23rd June the families from The Family Haven boarded the coach to All Things Wild. The families and children all had lots of fun exploring at All Things Wild. A dinosaur trail provided lots of excitement and we all felt very small standing next to the T-rex. There were lots of animals to see, feed and touch. Some of them were animals the children had never seen before. Lots of time was also spent enjoying our picnics and climbing on the softplay equipment indoors and out. At the end of the day lots of families enjoyed a bird show where there was much fascination and delight at the speed of the birds when in flight. After a very busy day there were lots of sleepy children on the way home.



Nursery Leavers Trip to The Forest of Dean



Ten children arrived at nursery on the morning of 26th June 2017 and quickly changed into their wellies before boarding the mini bus driven by Gail's partner Steve. Some of the children were a little tearful when we left but soon stopped crying when they were able to look out of the window and see the familiar sights of Gloucester change into the unfamiliar sights of the



countryside. One child very excitedly exclaimed "wow! Lots and lots of green grass" another asked if we were in the forest every time he saw some trees! When we arrived at Cannop Ponds the children talked about the trees before walking along the path to feed the ducks who came right up to the children. We were very fortunate to see some swans and cygnets, the children were amazed to see how big the swan's wing span was.

Next the children went to the shallow ponds where some fearless children jumped in straight away whilst others needed a hand to hold and reassurance that it was ok to get wet. Soon all the children were running in and out of the water and of course there was the inevitable child who fell face down in mud. Soon it was time for lunch and the adults dried the children and we walked to the tables and sat down for our picnic lunch kindly supplied by staff from Ecclesiastical. The children then had a run about and climbed some trees with Claire and Gail joining in.



The children then got back onto the mini bus and we drove the very short distance to Beechenhurst where they had a lovely time playing in the adventure playground before being treated to ice lollies. At around 3:15pm the children got back onto the bus to go back to nursery. It was a very quiet on the journey back with all but two children falling asleep. We arrived back at 4pm to waiting parents who collected their sleepy children.

Crafts with the parents

We would like to say a big thank you to Dawn and Caroline from the Venture in White City. They came to The Family Haven twice to run an art activity for some of our parents. Seven parents participated in book folding making Hedgehogs.



For the block making eight of our parents joined in. Great fun was had by all and everyone was surprised by how simple it was to make both the Hedgehogs and Blocks but how good the end results looked. Some of the parents enjoyed it so much they decided to make more things at home themselves. We are really looking forward to the next session, we are hoping we will be able to organise one in September and another one before Christmas.



Mounted Police pays visit to The Family Haven



The children and families had a lovely surprise treat when the mounted Police stopped by so that the children could meet their horses. The children really enjoyed stroking the horses' noses and were very brave even though they were so big. The mounted Police seemed to enjoy the experience as well and they have promised to stop by again next time they are in the area.

