

Welcome to our new Nursery Nurse



Michelle Edwards

We were particularly helped by the receipt of a legacy of £36,697 during the year. This enabled us to recruit a part-time nursery nurse and so restore our full five-day service which had to be temporarily cut back to four and a half days for the past year and a half in order to enable staff to cope with the compliance obligations of running a nursery under the modern legislative framework and also enables us to offer the extra space to more families that are now coming to us for help. We have had such a long waiting list. This well illustrates how the generosity of our supporters can quickly translate to benefits, which transform the lives of our families.

Upcoming Events

DO YOU ENJOY A GOOD WALK?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR WALKERS INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN THE ROTARY@KINGSOLM COTSWOLD WAY IN A DAY CHALLENGE.



WALKERS CHOOSE A LEG OF APPROX 10 MILES.

IF YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED BUT NOT WALK, WE ALSO NEED DRIVERS TO SUPPORT THE TEAMS.

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CONTACT DEBBIE IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART.

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Welcome

We would like to wish a warm welcome to our two new Trustees.



Joanne Collinson and



John Orchard

Become A Friend

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.

Call 01452 422971 for an application form or download it from <http://bit.ly/YtnESd>



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Casey Sandey placement at The Family Haven



Being a student at the Family Haven has been a wonderful learning experience. I have completed many placements during the course of my degree but this one by far has been the most beneficial. All of the staff were lovely and welcoming and made me feel a part of the team from the start.

My favourite part of the Family Haven is the amount of time and energy they put into supporting families and you can tell that they all love this. The families are truly at the heart of everything they do. The office is always open for the parents to come in for a chat and they know that the staff will give them all the time they need. I would definitely

recommend this setting to any family in need of some extra help and support.

This placement has strengthened my desire to be a family support worker. All of the office staff have given me multiple opportunities to support the families at the Haven, including planning and delivering my own parenting sessions. I cannot thank them enough for this opportunity, as it will really help me in the future. I will be highly recommending this setting to other students when I go back to University.

Casey Sandey

Gayle Clay receives the British Empire Medal



One of our very close colleagues, Gayle Clay (Homeless Healthcare Team Manager) was presented with the British Empire Medal for her service to the homeless in Gloucestershire, at the St Georges Day Service at Gloucester Cathedral. The award was presented by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal. Lorraine our Centre Manager, Lucy our Family Support Worker and Jo Gribble our Office Administrator / Bookkeeper were thrilled to be invited to represent The Family Haven. Unfortunately, Jo could not attend but did send Gayle a message

'Congratulations, I cannot think of anyone who deserves this Medal more than you for all your hard work and dedication. I will be thinking of you on the 23rd of April'. We all would like to congratulate Gayle.

Newsletter

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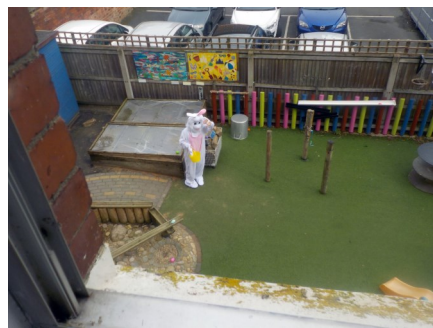
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Easter Week

We enjoyed lots of Easter celebrations in nursery this term. We made Easter cards, Easter chocolate nests, played with our farm animals and learnt a song about chickens. We had some surprise visits from an Easter bunny who hid eggs in the garden for us to find. We were very excited to see him and asked lots of questions about where he lives and what he eats. We then ran around the garden collecting and eating the chocolate which was very yummy. We also had a visit to Park view residential home where we did an Easter Bonnet parade for the residents. They were very happy to see us.



Fun at the Docks

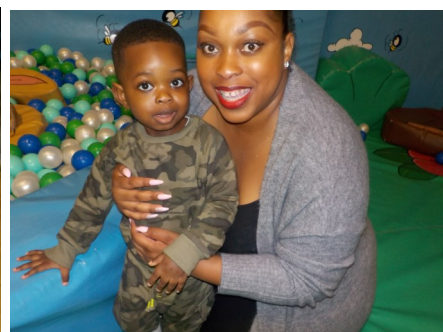
How high can we stack the blocks?



Family Haven trip to Jump in Bristol



The Family Haven organised a trip to Jump for the children, parents and two members of staff on the 12th April 2018. They were all in sensible clothing and had their packed lunches for the children. The coach only took forty-five minutes – therefore it wasn't too much of a restless journey for the children. All the children were very well behaved and sat nicely on the coach. When we arrived at Jump we had our own room where the parents could put their bags and coats, the staff members told the parents what time they had to be ready to leave then they all went downstairs to play. Overall I think the building was very secure and the children were safe because they could not get out of the building, even within the different play zones the children were not able to escape as there was a security buttons you needed to press to let them in or out, so you knew where your children were at all times. Both children and adults had a fun packed day, the children absolutely loved it and were all exhausted by the time they got back to the coach. Throughout the day it was a good opportunity for the staff to interact with the parents to build on their partnerships.



Having fun with mummy

School age children do some baking

During half term some of our families bring in their school age children. Vicky our chef usually uses this opportunity to do some baking with the children with the mums helping out. The school age children enjoy cooking and it gives them some thing to do where they are too old to go into the nursery. On this occasion they made Zucchini muffins and pizzas made from Pitta Bread and homemade dough. You can guess which the school age children preferred when it came to eating what they made.



Foot pampering for the Mums



Debbie Woodfine is better known to everyone at the Family Haven as Nurse Debbie has been volunteering for over a year now and has continued to come in to provide monthly 'Feel Good sessions' with our parents. She runs relaxation sessions and mindfulness amongst others. The latest of these was a foot pampering session. The parents really like these sessions and enjoy spending some time on themselves, a rare commodity indeed.



Mum's Testimonial



I was nervous, anxious and rather shy when myself and Mason first entered the Family Haven. I tended to keep myself to myself and Mason did the same. I found the kitchen to be my safe haven and within the first few days decided that I was happy to be there. Very soon myself and Mason settled in very well and we both gained confidence in all activities. We both enjoyed the involvement in the activities, and I really found my feet when helping in the kitchen. The boost in confidence made a world of difference to both of us. We both became more involved with the parent classes, which really helped with any issues I was facing. All in all the Family Haven was a very rewarding part of my family's life.

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Samantha Wells

We are pleased to say that Sam has moved on from TFH and is taking course in Childcare and she also volunteers at the baby group two afternoons a week.