

Newsletter

I hope every one had a good Christmas and a great start to the New Year! We would like to thank everyone for their hard work so far and we hope this year will be full of accomplishments and success!



Welcome

Let us all welcome our new Carers!

TJ, AS&MG, ZS&RD, PA&MA

New Starters

Joy Santos

Abigail Coulibaly

Karima Mouslim



General News Update

Just a reminder that you are no longer legally required to self-isolate should you test positive for COVID but we do ask that you stay home and avoid contact with other people for the safety of yourself and others. It is also no longer Ofsted notifiable but the agency asks that you complete an incident report should you or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19.

We are all aware of the events happening in Ukraine and we, at Family First Fostering, stand by Ukraine and want to support the people of Ukraine with the unimaginable suffering they are experiencing. For information on how to provide support please check your most recent email from Bayley. We also understand that hearing of this news may be difficult for not only young people but foster carers too, we do advise of some strategies to help with this such as not watching the news before bed, seeking support from supervising social workers.

Life Story Work

"Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out." – Robert Collier



Reminder from all SSW about the policy where it states that children's birthday, Christmas, New year should be uploaded on Charms. It is also good to have a Memory box, or a scrapbook to record their milestone whether if it is a short term or long-term placement.

Health & Safety

Documents

Reminder to all Foster Carer to continue to send their up-to-date health and safety documents. It is the Foster Carer responsibility to have these documents up to date. These documents are

- A valid medical
- Home Insurance
- Gas Certificate
- Electrical Certificate
- Car Insurance & MOT (If applicable)
- DBS

Anyone at the age of 18 or over who stays in the family home including birth children and staying put need to do a DBS check. Any questions please speak to your SSW.

Charms

It is important to sign off your Reports, Supervisions, Photos and Documents on charms. If you need support or help on using charms, please speak to your SSW or you can ring the office.

Ofsted

We just wanted to email to say a huge thank you for all the carers who supported us during our OFSTED week. We wanted to let you know that the agency will be receiving a good and a positive report will be posted in the coming weeks.

Policies for

FC & YP holidays

All FC and YP holidays must be approved by Noor Snr or Noor Jnr, at least 4 weeks notice is required for any holidays planned. It is also important not to take the YP on holiday during school term as this does not promote YP education. If you require the holiday policy please request this from your SSW or check in emails from earlier this year when circulated.

Tax Return

Reminder to all Foster Carers that the tax return deadline was January 31st, 2022. If you need your yearly statement please send a request to bayley@familyfostering.co.uk at least 2 weeks before required.

training DATES

Just a reminder of the trainings we have coming up:

- ⇒ Life Story Work on the 07th April 2022
- ⇒ Understanding Trauma on the 13th April 2022
- ⇒ Child Sexual Exploitation Safeguarding on the 21st April 2022
- ⇒ PACE training on the 03rd May 2022
- ⇒ CHARMS systems and recordings training on the 11th May 2022

Support Group

Just a reminder of the upcoming support groups:

- ⇒ 29th April 2022.
- ⇒ .24th May 2022
- ⇒ .14th June 2022

Placements Update: Currently we are receiving many unaccompanied minors from Kent in which all are on the national dispersal scheme moving across the UK within two weeks of being placed. Recently there has been many complex teenage placements in which local authorities are struggling to place due to their needs. We continue to match carefully to each carer and other looked after children currently in placement.

Upcoming Holidays

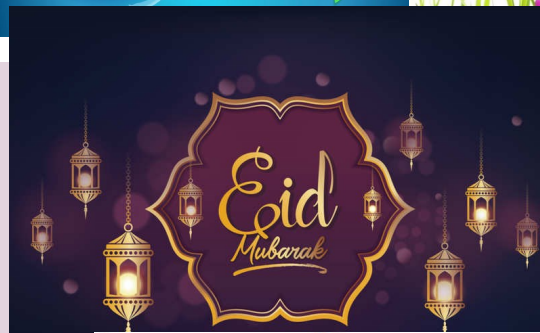
Good
FRIDAY



Happy Easter!



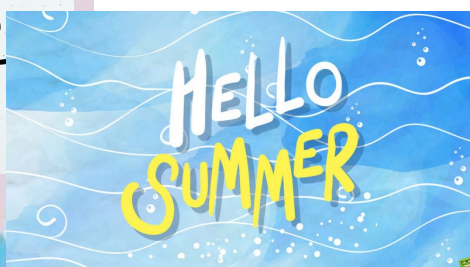
Spring Bank Holiday



Happy May Day!

HAPPY
Father's
DAY

MAY HALF TERM





Top things to do this Easter

Easter Egg

Decorate your own Easter Egg with paint, dye and you can design it however you like!



Easter Egg Hunt



Easter egg hunt is a common Festive Activity during Easter. Children look for hidden easter eggs and put it in a basket and this may also be a competition who collected the most eggs!



Make Bunny Ears

Use your bunny ears and pretend to be an Easter Bunny!

Chocolate Easter Egg



Treat yourself with Chocolate Easter Egg!

It is important to enjoy and be active during Spring. There are a ton of activities to do during this season and some of them are FREE!



Go for a Spring walk

Having to walk outdoor and breath in fresh air is always pleasant. You will be surrounded by beautiful scenery of Spring flowers everywhere like Daffodils, Celandine Poppy and Tulips !



Wild Kingdom Play Space

As children love outdoor spaces, they will enjoy Wild kingdom Play Space and what it has to offer from rope swings, hammock, or log walks.



National History Museum

This is the home to more than 70 million specimen and there are different exhibition and events. So, if you like science or fossils, this is a place you need to visit!



National Gallery

You will enjoy the different paintings, exhibitions, and collection at National Gallery. There are also virtual tours and events so make sure you plan your visit!



Free Entertainment at Covent Garden

Whether it is a Magician or Circus act, you will enjoy yourself and get entertain with street performers at Covent Garden.

Easter Word Search

E	P	I	H	O		
B	A	S	K	E	T	E
D	S	P	R	I	N	G
H	T	A	S	B	L	G
U	E	R	A	P	T	S
N	R	A	B	B	I	T
T	P	D	H	O	P	S
S	E	K	A	C		

EASTER
EGGS
BASKET
CAKE



RABBIT
SPRING
HUNT
HOPS

