

Home School Link Worker Weekly Bulletin

The Beautiful Minds Family



Support group for parents of
Neurodiverse children



**COME JOIN
US FOR:**

- Cuppa & catch up sessions
- Information talks
- Events decided by you
- And lots more!

**WANT TO CHAT TO OTHER
PARENTS WHO JUST 'GET IT'?**

To find out about our
upcoming sessions and
events, please contact us on:
thebeautifulmindsfamily@gmail.com

For further information, please [click here](#) for their website.

Free online guides for families

All Surrey residents have free access to online parenting guides that include top tips from childcare, education and NHS health experts.



There are a number of guides available, the key topics are:

- Understanding your pregnancy
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your teenager
- Understanding your child with additional needs

The online guides contain advice relevant to expectant parents, parents, grandparents and carers of children of all ages including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Access to the guides is unlimited with no expiry date, so you can return as and when you need and want to. Each guide has between 9 and 11 sessions, which last roughly 20 minutes each. There are also activities that can be carried out between courses.

Registration is quick and easy. Go to the Ourplace online learning website and use the access code 'ACORN' to get your free guides.

<https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/>

Foodbank

“We don’t think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That’s why we provide three days’ nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.”

In addition to food parcels, Woking Foodbank works in partnership with other agencies and aim to contribute towards resolving the family’s underlying problems so they will no longer need to use a foodbank

If you require a referral, please do contact Laura Merrick (hslw2@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sck.uk)
The nearest foodbank station is found at Byfleet Methodist church and runs every Wednesday between 12:00-2:30.



Kids eat free this Easter



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from
From Mon 12th - Fri in Half Terms 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink
FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

COCONUT TREE

One child (10 & Under) eats free per paying adult. Valid from 23/03/2024 - 14/04/2024

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

BILLS

Two kids can eat free ALL DAY (Weekdays) from Monday 25th March - Friday 12th April 2024, with one adult main dish.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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Easter Sunday services at St Mary's Church



Raring2Go magazine

[Click here](#) for the latest edition which includes local events and activities being held over the Easter break.



School travel survey 2024

Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team (SCSTT) are undertaking research with parents on pupils' modes of travel to and from school.

The objective of the research is to assist them as they continue to develop a better understanding of the different types of travel used to and from school, and to ascertain if this is changing over time. The Safer Travel Team's goal is to assist schools to continue to encourage safer and more active ways of travelling to school.

This year they are offering a charity incentive for participation – SCSTT will donate £25 for every 100 surveys completed to a charity that the parent will choose from either [Shooting Star children's hospices](#) or [Change of Scene in Farnham](#).

If you would like to participate in this survey, please click on the following link:
<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/safer-travel/primary-school-travel-2024/>



Easter activities at Chertsey museum

Easter Holiday Activities

Button Spring Trees

2nd April

11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm

Create a spring tree picture using paint
and buttons

Cost: £4

Excellent Egg Cups

4th April

11am-12:30pm or 2pm-3:30pm

Decorate a wooden egg cup, egg and spoon

Cost: £4.50

Clay Day

9th April

10-10:45, 11:30-12:15, 2:00-2:45

See our Greek vases and make a clay
creation

Cost: £2.50

Make a Board Game

11th April

11am-12:30pm or 2pm-3:30pm

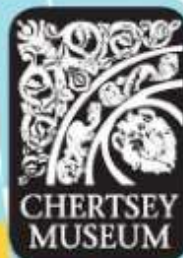
Design your own Snakes and Ladders game

Cost: £4.50

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Activities for ages 6-12 (5 year olds with parent)

<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>



www.chertseymuseum.org/events

Call 01932 565764 to book your place



Fun activity of the week: Suncatcher eggs

Cut sticky-back plastic into the shape of an egg. Decorate using ribbon, tissue paper, or natural items like flowers and leaves. Then cut another piece of stick-back plastic the same size and shape and stick together. Hang in a sunny window and enjoy your creation!



Recipe of the week: Easter egg cookies

Ingredients:

- 175g butter, softened
- 200g light brown soft sugar
- 100g golden caster sugar
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- 1 large egg
- 250g plain flour
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 50g white chocolate, chopped into chunks
- 100g bar dark chocolate, chopped into chunks
- 100g mini chocolate eggs, lightly crushed with a rolling pin, leaving some larger pieces to decorate



Method:

1. Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5 and line two baking sheets with baking parchment.
 2. Tip the butter, sugars and vanilla into a bowl. Beat with a hand-held electric whisk until pale and fluffy.
 3. Add the egg and beat again.
 4. Tip in the flour, bicarb and a pinch of salt, then use a spatula to mix together before adding the chocolate chunks and about half the crushed mini eggs (set aside the larger pieces) and mix again until everything is combined.
 5. Scoop golf-ball-sized mounds of cookie dough onto the baking sheets, making sure you leave plenty of space between each one. (You should fit 4-6 cookies on each, so you'll have to bake in batches to make the total 20 cookies.)
 6. Push the remaining mini egg pieces into the tops.
 7. Bake for 15-18 mins, swapping the sheets around halfway through. For soft and chewy cookies, the cookies should be golden around the edges but still pale and soft in the middle. If you prefer a biscuit texture, you will need to bake them a little longer.
 8. Remove from the oven and leave to cool for 10 mins before transferring to a wire rack.
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If you would like any further help, guidance or support for you or your family, please contact **Laura Merrick** (Home School Link Worker) hslw2@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk (Working hours: Tuesday 8:30am - 3:30pm, Wednesday 8:30am - 1:00pm, Thursday 8:30am - 3:30pm).

