

Welcome to Horizon Fostering Services Newsletter



Thought for the day
You will meet people in life who feel they can't be loved. They can't see their own worth and cast a shadow upon themselves, but you can help them shine.

A real friend sees the 1st tear, catches the 2nd, and stops the 3rd!!"

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Staff News:

Our newest member of staff is Joana Gjeta who joined us in August and is our Placements Officer. Some of you may have met or had contact with her already but even if you haven't I'm sure that you will join us in extending a very warm welcome to her.

Recruitment:

This is not an easy nut to crack and once again we look to you for assistance. So, if you know of anyone who you think has what it takes to become a foster carer then please let us know and if they are approved you will receive £500.

Upcoming Events:

We will be holding our end of year celebration which will take place on the 15th December 2017 at the Holiday Inn –Wembley. See attached for full details.

Just a quick acknowledgement and thanks to all of you who made our annual Picnic in the Park in August such a success.

Ofsted:

As you know we were judged as 'Good' in all areas by Ofsted. But they did express some concern about the amount of training completed by some of our foster carer's.

They mentioned First Aid training in particular and I recently reinforced the need to complete this course and, I'm delighted to say that as usual you answered the call and we now have almost 100% completion of First Aid training– thank you.

Competitions:

Just to let you know that we have not lost sight of our intention to introduce new features which we hope will become regular features in our calendar, these will include competitions but we would love to hear your views. We are ideally looking for something that will interest, inform and educate our children. But we do want them to be fun and are open to all children and young people in your household, prizes will be awarded for the different age groups.

Foster Carers Finances

Joana recently attended a course run by BAAF on allowances/ finances in relation to foster carers. The message from BAAF is to encouraged all foster carers to Register for Self Assessment.

Foster carers should register with HMRC in one of three ways:

By completing form CWF1 online

Using HMRC'S website www.gov.uk/new-business-register-for-tax

Calling the newly self-employed helpline on 0300 200 3504

They advised that online registration is the best option.

If you need more information about this process, please do not hesitate to contact:

Foster Talk

Telephone: 01527 836910

Mobile: 07813 054977

Did you know?

That like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.

That your heart beats over 100,000 times a day.

That women blink nearly twice as often as men.

That the longest bout of hiccups lasted nearly 69 years.

That babies are born without kneecaps. They appear between the ages of 2 and 6.

That men can read smaller print than women but women can hear better.

That wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times— yuck

That penguins can jump as high as six feet in the air.

That all polar bears are left-handed.