

SPARKLERS NEWS



Sparklers Charity Newsletter

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Who are we?

We are a foundation that works closely with local authorities and link organisations to provide support to families where an individual has Additional Needs or Special Needs or disabilities. We are based in Deepcut, Surrey.

We provide a safe and nurturing environment for individuals to be in and interact through inclusive play opportunities. We also provide advocacy during diagnoses, EHCPs and School Application processes. We work closely with other organisations to identify and bridge gaps in provision for individuals and families who need our support.

Stay and Play Plus

Over this quarter, we have had a number of Stay and Play Plus playgroup sessions during the holidays. In December 2016, we were visited by Father Christmas who kindly delivered gifts to the children. In February 2017, we held two Valentines sessions and celebrated love by making new friends and having fun with our Sparklers families. With Easter drawing nearer in April 2017, what a better way to celebrate than with two fun-packed Easter playgroup sessions, with themed crafts and Easter treats.

Upcoming playgroup dates:

Deepcut Garrison Community Centre, GU16 6SY (Wednesdays):

26/07, 2/08, 9/08, 25/10

Frimley Baptist Church, GU16 9AR (Fridays):

2/06, 28/07, 11/08, 27/10, 22/12

Family Bowling and Ladies Night

In February 2017, we held a family bowling event, where we had exclusive access to the bowling facilities, providing a relaxed and fun environment for us to make new friends. In December 2016, Parents and Carers went to Sugar Dumplings for a fun-filled night out, filled with laughter and the opportunity to meet new people and support each other.

Social Media

Check out our Facebook page. We provide support and guidance through this in the form of 'Condition of the Month', 'Mental Health and Wellbeing Corner', recommended monthly reading, event advertising and 'Makaton sign of the week'.

Find us at sparklerscharity.org.uk

Alternatively we have our Twitter page @sparklershelp or our Instagram: @sparklerscharity

Crowdfunding

Help us to raise funds to organise more free holiday playgroups for children with Special Needs and their families. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sparklers-charity>

Check out our website!

In April 2017, our website went live. This covers information, guidance, support and event details. Events can be registered for via the website.

Visit us at <http://www.sparklers.org.uk/>

"I just wanted to say thank you for such a lovely morning. You made us all feel so welcome. The presents were amazing. There was so much to do in a safe and welcoming environment for our children."

- S.A. Woking

Upcoming!

Virginia Waters walk and picnic planned on 1st July.

A huge thank you!

None of our fantastic events would have been possible without the kind generosity of the following:

- The **Army Welfare Services** for allowing us to use the Deepcut Garrison Community Centre for our Wednesday playgroups
- The **Frimley Baptist Church** for allowing us to use the Church for our Friday playgroups
- **Eagle Radio** for their kind donation of the gifts for our Christmas playgroup

