# Sunbeams Play March 2018 Newsletter A haven for children and

#### Numbers needed

young people with Autism

We are planning to take families registered with Sunbeams Play to the Dinosaur Park on the 31st August. We will provide a coach for those who do not want to make their own way. To help us plan we need to know how many families would like to join us and who would like a coach space. Please make sure you return your slip by 30th April to show your interest. Lost your slip? Just ask for a new one.



Nearer the time you will be asked to donate £5 per person towards cost. (1 adult per 3 children additional adults' full price).

Effective Discipline for Children 2 -12

1-2-3 Magic provides an easy-to-learn parenting programme, helping parents build strong, positive relationships with their children and overcome difficult behaviour. Developed by clinical psychologist, Thomas W. Phelan, Ph.D. and recommended by ADDiSS to support children with or without additional needs.

The 1-2-3 Magic programme runs for 2 hours a week for 4 weeks.

Wednesdays 10am - 12 noon May 2<sup>nd</sup> May 9th May 18th May 23rd

For more information or to register your interest contact Sue on 07484 085777

FREE for parents and carers of children and young people attending Sunbeams Play.

Professionals £25.00 per person

Parents and carers outside of Sunbeams £12.50 per

# **Charity Egg Run**

Harley Owners from the Iceni Norfolk Chapter will be visiting Sunbeams on Easter Monday at 11.30am to bring the children and young people an Easter egg. They will spend some time with the families and give the children and young people the opportunity to sit on their bikes.





Please make sure you have returned the 'attending' slip and if you are able to help on the day making tea and coffee for the riders please speak to us

## **Parent Wellbeing Advisor**



Jeni has joined our team as our Parent Wellbeing Advisor to offer advice to parents and carers of children and young people attending Sunbeams. 1-1 sessions will be held at our new resource base on Boundary Rd.

If you feel you would like to access her support please ask at the office.

#### This was me and......

I was that mum who lost confidence and self-esteem when I left work to become a fulltime mum.

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I was that mum who hated cliquey groups. I was that mum who preferred to stay in if I didn't have to go out.

I was that mum who wanted to find employment when the children were older, but with no idea of what I could do.

I was that mum who took small steps, developed skills, gained experience, went to college and gained qualifications.

I was that mum who gradually began to realise that I did have skills and strengths.

#### I am....

That mum who for more than 20 years has helped people; who have lost confidence, struggled with anxiety, low mood and lack of assertiveness to find strategies to enable them to rebuild their self-esteem and emotional well-being.

# Can You Help Us?

Do you have any unwanted gifts you could donate for Tombola prizes? Would you like to become a Friend of Sunbeams, by baking cakes, carrying out odd jobs, such as helping to prepare or serve food and drinks or by manning a stall at a fund raising event? If you are able to help in any way please contact the office for more information.

# **Fundraising**

Sunbeams Play receives no government funding so we continually find ways to the raise the money needed to provide children and young people attending with extra activities such as the summer trip and parties. Please help us by taking part in our fundraising events, raffles and games.

## **Dates for your Diary**

#### **Monthly Parent Support Group**

(Third Thursday of the month term time). Children welcome Thursday 19th April 9.30-11.30am

#### Weekly Stay & Play (Term time only)

Tuesdays 10-11.45am
All pre-school children welcome.

#### Dad's Lego Club (Term time only)

Dads and male carers welcome Wednesdays 5.30-8pm

# Easter Holiday Sessions 9-4pm

(1/2 days available morning or afternoon)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April, (Session not available 2<sup>nd</sup> April) Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> April Wednesday (Sat group) 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> April Thursday (Siblings) 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> April Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> (morning only) 9am -12

# Iceni Harley Owners Group Easter egg run

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 11.30am

#### Workshops-

Teenage concerns (part 2)

Wednesday 18th April 6-9pm

**Mental Health awareness - LD and Autism** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 6-9pm

**123 Magic 4 week Behaviour Programme** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10am -12pm

Tickets available from the office

#### **Fun To Come**

We have a number of events planned this year including:

April 2<sup>nd</sup> The Iceni Chapter Egg Run

August 4<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Day with stalls, games raffles and much more.

August 18th Summer Party

August 31st Dinosaur Park

August bank holiday racing

# For further details

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