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A newsletter for family child carers in Jersey - May 2011 edition

A few words from Jennie Marriott, our chairperson.....

Welcome to all old and new members.

The Association is celebrating its **25th anniversary** this year. Many FCCs have supported the JACC during this time either on committee, attending toddler groups, social evenings or helping with fund raising. A number of lifelong friendships have been forged and help and support for all members has always been readily available.

Family child carers in Jersey are currently struggling to fill their places, so if you are full but have enquiries, please think of your colleagues and refer the parents to Jennie 07700808707 or to the JACC website vacancy page at jacc.org.je. If you already have a vacancy on the website, please could you check the details are current and correct. For any changes or to add a new vacancy please contact Carolyn 07797 733809.

I am happy to speak to any members by phone Monday-Friday 8am-5.30pm on the number above or at any of the toddler groups

Our newsletter has lots of useful information and advice as well as dates for your diary, so please take a few minutes to read it.

Kind regards

Jennie Marriott



Child Carers Week

This will be held during the week of **Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July**

All are welcome to join in a busy, fun-filled week for family child carers and children with activities planned for every day including a wet weather plan! This is a great opportunity to meet new people and network and the week will end with parties for the children and adults! Details follow:

MONDAY 27th JUNE - 9.30am-12 Sponsored toddle from Communicare, down railway walk to Elephant Park, snack and play then back to Communicare

If it's wet we will stay at Communicare

Sponsor forms are available from Tracey-07797767884 or from any of our toddler groups

TUESDAY 28th JUNE - 9.30am-12 Howard Davis Park for a morning of fun and games with hoops/ balls/tunnels/ tents/sensory balls

If it's wet we will go to Gorey youth centre

WEDNESDAY 29th JUNE - 9.30am-12 Millbrook Park

If it's wet we will go to St Patrick's as usual

THURSDAY 30th JUNE - 9.30am-12 St Andrew's Park-Teddybear's Picnic

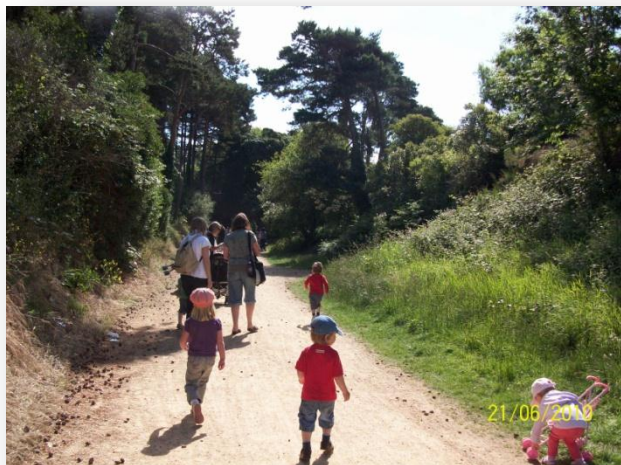
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7.30pm JACC AGM at the PDC, Highlands

FRIDAY 1st JULY - Party at The Berni Centre, St Martin's Catholic Church- 10-12pm, bouncy castle and

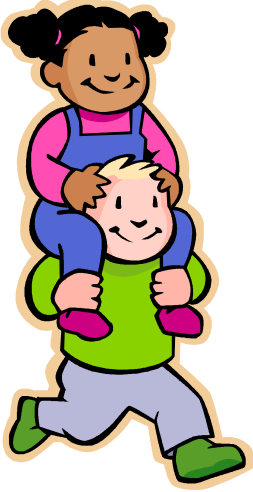
SATURDAY 2ND JULY - Girls Night Out - 8pm at The Farm House, St John's. We are able to arrange minibus pick up/drop off to town through the restaurant for anyone who doesn't fancy driving!! We will be collecting monies between now and

then, see Tracey for more info and to reserve your place!



Early Years and Childcare Partnership

The EYCP has now been meeting for 2 years. The JACC has been represented at the 3 main Partnership meetings as well as the additional working groups that are relevant to our role as FCCs. Our main focus has been on the Quality Framework for Under 3's. This draft framework has been put together as a result of **many** sub-group meetings where several FCC's have contribute their time and experience to represent the unique needs of home-based care. We are currently liaising with the JAN(Jersey Association of Nannies) to ensure that we have a framework specifically for FCCs and nannies to use in a home setting. This framework will be available to all FCCs if they wish to use it. Details are available from Jennie and information on the EYCP can be found on gov.je/caring/children/EYCP.



Jersey Association of Nannies

Last year Jennie met up with Nicola King who was in the process of setting up an association for nannies. This was a huge undertaking for some hard-working, professional nannies and the JACC was happy to help and advise them.



Agreements

The Association regularly updates the agreements so that they meet current practice. We 'take on board' comments made by family child carers and parents so that the agreements are as user friendly as possible.

Once we have received your membership renewal, your new agreement will be sent out. Please ensure that you use our current agreements ie. June 2011 edition and also **remember to retain this copy as your master** and then photocopy any additional ones that you may need.

Members are reminded that ***detailed care and attention*** should be taken when filling out these agreements with parents, as ***once they are signed by both parties they are binding***. On occasion issues do arise where the Association has to mediate and this is often because there have been no agreement reviews or the FCC has not ensured that the ***parents fully understand the terms of the agreement***. Please ensure that you discuss the following thoroughly with parents: - hours, fees, holidays, your individual policies and make a date for a review!

The annual Childcare Fee Survey can be found on the JCCT website- www.jcct.org.je, the letter from Health Protection re sickness is available from [Tracey-864833/ traceym@jerseymail.co.uk](mailto:Tracey-864833@traceym@jerseymail.co.uk)

We appreciate that FCC's may have individual agreements with parents but do advise that regular communication between the FCC and parents will alleviate some of the problems that do arise.

If you have any queries or concerns relating to the JACC agreements or any issues with parents, please contact Jennie 07700808707



Insurance

Some FCCs have experienced difficulty when trying to renew their car/ house as they ***class us as a high risk!*** We advise all FCCs to check that their insurance companies have all the necessary and relevant information when renewing policies. **You must declare that you are using your car/ house for work purposes.** A few FCCs have taken out insurance with Morton Michel who provide our public liability insurance.

Memberships

Due to a significant increase in postage and stationary we will be raising the membership fee to £15.00.

Enclosed with the newsletter is your renewal membership form and the back of your membership card to sign and return with your payment and old card or a new photo!

Please ensure that you give us an email address if you would be happy to receive information via email.

The benefits of joining the Association include:- parental agreements, toddler groups, a £15 first aid subsidy, 10% discount at Paperclix, Bambola, Imagination, Jumping Beans, You Doodle and Milletts plus support and advice from the committee.

Family child carers can also get a discount card from the Early Learning Centre. You need to take your current registration certificate in to the shop and they will give you a form to fill out and return.



Toddler Groups

New faces are always welcome at all 3 of our toddler groups so please pop in if you are passing!

Below are the days and times of our 3 toddler groups:

Mondays	Communicare	9.15am till 12
Wednesdays	St Patrick's Church Hall	9.15am till 12
	Family child carers only please	
Fridays	Georgetown Methodist Church Hall	9.15am till 12

Please note that our Monday group at Communicare will remain open for the first 2 weeks of the summer holidays, the last day for this group will be on Monday 1st August 2011

First Aid

There has been a change in the requirements for **renewing** your First Aid Certificate. The renewal course will now take place over 2 nights instead of 4. The initial course will still take place over 4 nights or 2 whole Saturdays. The Association has arranged a **renewal course** for the 8th and 10th November 2011, places are limited so please contact Jennie asap to reserve a place. The renewal course cost is £60 but with the 10% discount members get from the JCCT and £15 from the JACC this brings it down to £39! The cost of your first aid course can be claimed as an expense and receipts will be given out on the first evening of each course



Courses

Earlier in the year some CPD courses were put on by Karen Smith as a result of consultation with a small group of FCCs. The first three were run by the Association and involved FCCs exchanging ideas in a relaxed and informal setting. All who attended were able to "learn something new" and it was fantastic to see experienced FCCs helping and advising newly registered FCCs to complete or improve their **policies, observation ideas** and their **partnership with parents**. We are often looking for new and interesting courses to attend and Karen Smith came up trumps with a fabulous subject.....**SCHEMAS!** These are patterns of behaviour in children's play. The evening was informative, interactive and very well attended. We hope that Karen will repeat the course next year as we would highly recommend going. Karen is keen to have an annual consultation with FCCs to better meet our training needs and is always open to new topics that FCCs would like to find out more about.

JCCT Learning Library

If you are looking for new and exciting age/stage appropriate toys and equipment to loan for free then why not go to the JCCT website-jcct.org.je where you can view their fabulous range to borrow in their learning library. This service is available to all registered childcare providers.



Child Care Tax Relief Forms

These are available to print from our website on the "News" page. The Income Tax Dept no longer routinely send these out, however if you contact them directly, they will post some to you.

Social Security

FCCs who pay their own social security contributions are able to claim 52% as expenses. Details are on the NEWS page on our website



There is a lot of information in this newsletter but please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the committee at the toddler groups or contact us on the following numbers:

Jennie Marriott - Chairperson - 07700808707

Kerry McCloskey- Vice Chairperson - 638108 / 07797 740068

Tracey Masefield - Secretary - 864833 / 07797 767884

Carolyn Aitchison - Website Co-Ordinator - 499992 /

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