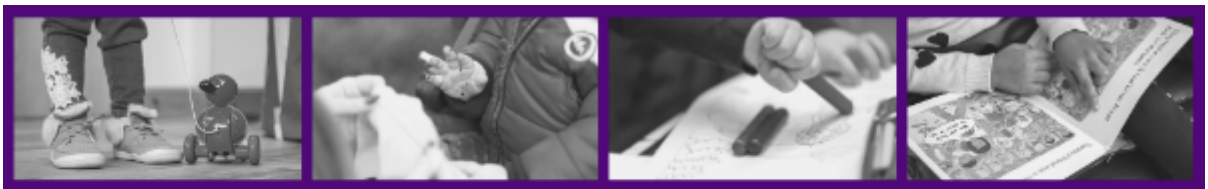

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SUPPORTER NEWSLETTER

Back to the office for the HSRBSC team

We were delighted to be able to return to work in the office this month - albeit on a rota system to keep ourselves and the team safe. Owing to the challenges of the last 18 months, we've also decided that a monthly meet-up outside the office setting would be a lovely way to reconnect and build up the rapport across the team that is so necessary for us to successfully support the families we help.

Family Group happy to be back face-to-face

Family Group has returned to meeting in person and attendance has been wonderful. Our volunteers enjoyed seeing the parents and little ones too! The pandemic certainly put a spanner in the works, but thankfully we are settling into the new normal. Thanks to the Family Group sessions, our families have the opportunity to build on previous friendships and form new ones.

Welcome to our new volunteers

We would like to wish our new volunteers a very warm welcome to the HSRBSC team. Having completed their Preparation Course, which ended in April, they are now ready to be paired with a family and bring some much-needed support.

Also welcome to our new Trustees

We are delighted to announce the addition of five new trustees to our Board. Welcome to Darren, Betty, Julie and Matthew who have already joined the team, and Olivia who is in the process of joining us. You can find out a little more about them on our website.

Fathers' Day 20th June

This Father's Day, we have been lucky enough to get the lowdown on being a dad from one of our wonderful volunteers. You can read his story here.

And if you haven't already arranged a card for your dad, why not send one of our exclusive e-cards via "Don't Send Me A Card", for a small donation? We have three images designed especially for us and we think you'll like them! Click here to send your card.

Helping us to reach our fundraising target

We have had some amazing and generous donations from various organisations throughout the community and would like to say a huge Thank You to all.

One such donation came as a complete surprise - £15k was awarded to HSRBSC through the Orbis Investments' employee-directed philanthropic Buchanan Programme. You can read all about it here.

And, Curwens employees also got involved in a 3 million step challenge for Mental Health Awareness, and the money raised was donated to HSRBSC.

Without your support, we would not be able to deliver much-needed support to local families. There are so many ways you can help us to reach our fundraising target for 2021, which you can find on our website.

Or you could join our Fundraising and Events Group - come along to our social on 15th July, have a cuppa and hear about the fun activities we get up to! Contact us for more details.

Jude's way with words

Throughout the pandemic, our poet-in-residence, Jude Simpson, has continued to delight us with her wonderful poems and blogs, which have brought many smiles (and tears) to the team. She has such a way with words and, being a parent herself means that many of us can relate to the experiences that she shares.

Here is the link to her latest poem, which any parent whose children are now older or flown the nest will relate to... Navigating the Motherhood Maze: Between Me and My Cup of Tea (poem)

You can find her other posts and poems in the News section of our website.

HSRBSC Events Update

We know how much you all enjoy our events, so here's a quick overview of what's coming up.

Sadly, the Melbourn Fun Day has been cancelled, so we won't be running our pop-up Tea Shop on 26th June as planned.

But don't worry, there's plenty more to keep us busy...

- Kite Design Competition in August
- Buntingford Car Show and the re-launch of our Literary Lunches in September
- Meldreth 'Team' Marathon in October
- Christmas Swag, Buntingford Film Night and other events in December

And look out for events in 2022, which include a Ceilidh in February and Strictly for Charity in March.

Keep an eye out in your inbox for our "At Home With Home-Start Events Update" email with more detailed information about the upcoming events, which will be going out shortly.

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