

## **The Place Report for the Town Meeting 30/4/25**

The changeover from Spurgeons to local management has been successfully completed.

Decorators have painted the stairwell and some of the play room and hard flooring has been laid in the craft/messy area. Stacey Greenshield is painting a beanstalk up the stairs. All of this work has been donated free of charge for which we are most grateful.

Baby massage courses continue to be fully booked and in high demand. Training for Baby Yoga is in process. Mothers' day tea parties and a mothers' evening for Breath Awareness Meditation were also successful.

Monthly cycle park sessions with Farcycles have proved to be very popular as have Fun at The Folly and visits to Ferendune care home.

As last year, in collaboration with the two Faringdon school PTAs, we hosted the annual easter hunt with the schools providing craft, and entertainment.

The Health Visiting Team have asked to resume their twice monthly Drop in Clinics from 14<sup>th</sup> May and the Oral health team will be visiting groups on 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Our Breastfeeding Support Group is very popular and we are hoping to get a midwife every week to support this.

We now have a plot at the Lechlade Rd allotments, and are planning to open on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July for a few hours during the Folly Fest weekend, with a stall in the market place to raise awareness of The Place.

New activities: A Parenting Puzzle Workshop funded by FEAT; A New Parent, New Baby course; and an Antenatal course.

Here are a few messages of support from families:

*'If every town had one the world would be a better place- less isolation, less family issues, less worry, less children going without and less parents struggling alone.'*

*'Thank you so much for providing such a valuable service to the community!'*

*'Such a fantastic service. Myself and my son enjoy coming to play, meet new people and learn new skills. I have Personal felt less lonely as a single parent coming to these sessions. The staff have helped me in my time of desperate need and give me confidence as a parent. I can't begin to thank them for their support.'*

Figures for attendance at sessions and courses at The Place 01/11/2023 – 01/11/2024 (updated numbers since the management change are being prepared).

Total number of Families 591 Total number of Children 615

Total number of family visits 2914

Total number of Child visits 3251

Lucy Redwood-Hanson and Mike Wise