

## Events in Spring

**I CAN** is a voluntary organisation whose vision is a world where all children who struggle to communicate receive the help they need, so they can have a happy childhood, make progress at school, and thrive as adults. In the UK, one child in ten will struggle with a communication difficulty that will persist throughout their lives and without help these children will find it hard to join in and learn, but with the right support, early in life, they can achieve and have successful happy lives. We will be supporting ICAN by running activities around nursery rhyme themed crafts, singing and signing during the week of 28<sup>th</sup> February. We will also be taking part in the Chatterbox Challenge during our Stay and Play sessions. Please contact Nicole for further information 07545 209819.

**Wellbeing and Relaxation** – Trevor Lowe will be joining us at Bumps and Babies on 21<sup>st</sup> March for a discussion on the nurturing ourselves whilst juggling the demands of a young family. Please contact Anna for further information 07545 440969.

**Oxfordshire Family Information Service** - Pauline McKinnon from OFIS will be attending our Stay & Play on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March (9.30-11.00 Great Milton Neighbours Hall). OFIS provide information on a range of topics such as childcare, early year's provision, help with cost of childcare and activities for children, as well as a brokerage service for parents who are finding it difficult to locate childcare.

**Weaning Workshop** – Gerry Jewell, Health Visitor will be holding a workshop on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March between 1.30-3pm at Tiddington Village Hall to talk about weaning and we will also be running a crèche.

**Evening First Aid Workshop** – this will be an evening session and will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April between 7-9pm at Great Milton Primary School. Prebooking is essential. Please contact Nicole on 07545 209819 for more details.

**Family Links** – the current Family Links course is full and we are now booking for the next course which will be run for 10 weeks commencing Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**Trio Childminding Support** – will be represented at our Stay and Plays in Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March & Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April in Wheatley, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March & 8<sup>th</sup> April Gt Milton, to offer support and advice to childminders, those who are thinking of becoming childminders, or extended family members undertaking a childminding role.

Please contact Nicole for further details of these events 07545 209819

**Baby Massage** – in response to recent demand, we are running a 4 week course commencing Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at the Fullers Field Community Room, Great Milton. We will be planning further courses as these fill up very quickly, so please contact Stephanie to register your interest 07545 440970.

Children's Centres are a one stop shop for all young children, their parents, grandparents, childminders and other carers. As well as running **free** and low cost play events for families, we also provide a range of information and advice about local children's services, including health and education and outreach home support. Please contact Deborah Jackson for a programme or further information on 07988 159041 or email [deborah.jackson@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:deborah.jackson@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

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