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Family Learning Newsletter

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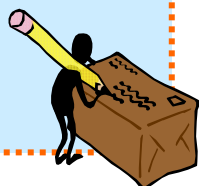
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Dear All

Welcome to the latest Family Learning Newsletter. This school year is drawing to a close but there is still time to squeeze in a little more family learning if your school has the space and the time. Look at the courses we are offering after half term, and call us if you are interested.

We are also busy planning for 2010 - 2011. Family learning can play an active and constructive part in raising the achievement of your children and building parents confidence to support children's and their own learning. Family learning targets the most disadvantaged areas of the city and is free, providing learning aids and resources that will make a big difference to attitudes and dispositions to learning. We are rightfully proud of the contribution we have made to raising the achievement of Leicester's children and their families, and are looking forward to working with you again next year.

Catriona Kelly

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Earlier in the year we worked together on Family Learning Festival - and will do so again next autumn (Dates for your diary are: **Family Learning Festival 16th - 31st October 2010**).

We have also been busy working alongside the new **Library in New Parks**, offering a range of family learning activities as part of the opening celebrations. There is a great learning kitchen there - look out for family cooking sessions!

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"Bargain Summer"

We would like to offer you an old favourite with a new twist! "To Busy to be Bored" is all about making sure families make plans for the summer holiday that ensure they get out of the house, take part in the range of free and low cost activities within their locality and keep their children active and happy.

This year we are offering "Bargain Summer" and including some additional activities:

- elements of budgeting - from sweets to trips out
- providing postcards to send - embedding some literacy for older children
- sustainability, looking at environmentally friendly picnics.

"Bargain Summer" involves:

- 3-6 week programme
- 2 hour sessions
- Some adult only and some joint time
- Suitable for children 0-10 years old
- Involves a "resources and survival pack" for participating families.

Digital Families - The Home Access Scheme and Beyond

Family Learning would like to work with you to maximise benefit from the Government's Home Access Scheme - or with any school that would like to work in partnership with their families to embed effective use of IT.

Where schools know they have a number of families with a PC and internet access, we would like to offer those families learning sessions to help them:

- Learn how to use their computer safely
- Explore some recommended sites that will support their children's homework
- Experiment with fun activities to do at home with their children that will encourage and extend the development of IT skills for both adult and child

Courses can be tailored to suit the needs of your families.



Keeping up with the Children

This course aims to help fathers and mothers explore what their children are learning and develop their own skills at the same time. It does not usually involve joint time, but provides the adults with an overview of how literacy or numeracy is taught, while practising some of those skills themselves. They will have the opportunity to make and play a number of games that they can take home, which will support the learning process. Keeping up with the Children is a 6 week course, with 2 hour sessions every week. Families will each receive a resource pack, some of which is designed to be done with their children at home.