Kirk o’ Shotts Primary

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Family Learning Opportunities

As you all now know, we have access to support from Pauline Russell who works for Community Learning and Development as a school worker. Pauline has already started a book and craft club for parents and children and those who have attended have found it very worthwhile.

This newsletter provides a summary of further support that the school and Pauline have planned to support you and your children with their learning. Pauline will issue flyers for each planned event. Please watch out for these and complete the sign up form on each flyer to secure your place. Please note that these activities are for parents/carers to attend either alone or with their child, they are not pupil support groups.

*Parents, carers and families are by far the most important influences in a child's life. Their support can play a vital role at all stages of education.*

*Parents who take on a supportive role in their children's learning make a difference in improving achievement and behaviour. The active involvement of parents can help promote a learning community in which children and young people can engage positively with practitioners and their peers.*

*With kind hearts and willing hands, we can all achieve our dreams.*

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| **Dates/Times** | **Learning event** | **Target group** |
| 3-4pm  Wednesday  8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th  November | Book and Craft club continues | P1-4  Parent and child |
| 1.30pm  Tuesday  28th November | Book Bug Session  (A Book Bug bag of resources will be issued to take home after this event) | P1  Parent and child |
| 9.15am-10.15am  Tuesday 9th January | Read, Write and Count  Launch Event  A parent workshop to give parents ideas about how to use “Read, Write and Count” bags with your child at home.  (The bag of resources will be issued to take home after this event) | P2 and P3  **Parents only** |
| 9.15am-10.45am  Tuesday 16th, 23rd, 30th January, 6th February | Literacy Group  For the first half of the session, parents will work with Pauline on how to support your child with literacy whilst the pupils are learning in class as usual. Pupils will bring their work along to their parents for the second half of the session and parent and child can work together on classwork. | P2 and P3  Parent and child |
| 11am-12pm  Tuesday 16th, 23rd, 30th January, 6th, 20th, 27th  February | Parents Numeracy Group  Adult learning (SQA accreditation possible)  Opportunity for parents to improve their own numeracy skills. | **Parents only**  (nursery or school, any stage) |
| 1pm-3pm  Tuesday 16th, 23rd, 30th January, 6th, 20th, 27th  February,  6th, 13th, 20th, 27thMarch | Solihull Approach to More Sensitive Parenting.  This course will provide parents with insight into  brain development, behaviour and how to understand your child better. School staff are also being trained in this approach and have found it *very* worthwhile. | **Parents only**  (nursery or school, any stage) |
| 10.30am- 12pm  Tuesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, March | Numeracy Group  For the first half of the session, parents will work with Pauline on how to support your child with numeracy whilst the pupils are learning in class as usual. Pupils will bring their work along to their parents for the second half of the session and parent and child can work together on classwork. | P4-7  Parent and child |
| 9am  Tuesday 17th, 24th April, 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th May, 5th, 12th June | GIRFme @ Home  GIRFme (Getting it Right for Me) at Home is a course designed to help parents ensure the positive development of their child’s health and wellbeing. This work will also give insight into the indicators used by health, education and social services to assess health and wellbeing. | **Nursery parents** |
| 1.15pm  Tuesday 17th, 24th April, 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th May, 5th, 12th June | Speakeasy  This programme is designed to support parents to talk to their children about sensitive issues related to sexual health and relationships. It is suitable for parents of children of any age as advice is offered about how to deal with “awkward questions”, which even very young children may ask. | **Parents only**  (nursery or school, any stage) |

***There may be further family learning opportunities offered, but these are the plans to date. Please look out for the flyers and sign up to whatever you can.***

***Any parent who feels they would like further support to support their child’s learning, behaviour or wellbeing are welcome to contact the school for further advice from Pauline.***