

*Looking forward 2019 has lots of joyful activities on offer*

So from Katy Perry to Ken Dodd LOL!!!

*Happiness, happiness, the greatest gift that we possess  
I thank the Lord we've been blessed  
With more than our share of happiness*

### **Big Family Sleepover**

We are planning a big family sleepover at Blackwell Adventure in Bromsgrove. Come as a family for one or two nights, enjoy singing around the Camp Fire, Caving, Tree Climbing, Zip Wires, Art & Craft, Music and much more. Save the date Friday 30<sup>st</sup> August to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. We are hiring two 'tented villages' and dormitory rooms in the Manor House. Make new friends within a supportive environment where everyone can be themselves. #HappyCamping

### **Parental Workshops**

Links Therapy Directors will once again be presenting this Workshop ***Meeting the Sensory Needs of children and young people***. Working in partnership with Warwickshire Parent Carer Forum, the morning session will be held on **12<sup>th</sup> February 2019**.

***Reducing Violent Behaviour in Children with Additional Needs*** just how happy are we to have the renowned Author, Blogger and parent of a disabled child herself coming to Warwickshire on **12<sup>th</sup> March**. Together with Warwickshire Parent Carer Forum we are hosting this workshop which will be held at St Michael's Church Centre, Warwick from 10am - 2pm and will include lunch.

***PDA and Strategies to help*** with staff from SEND Supported, who are skilled professionals and we look forward to securing a date which we will share as soon as possible.

***Velvet Bulldozer, Emotional Resilience and Courage in Relationships*** (including a Master Mind session). You will note that Aimee Mann Mentoring has added another Workshop to her Portfolio and sessions are planned throughout the year.

*To us this old world is a wonderful place  
And ECP is about the luckiest organisation in the whole human race  
We've got no silver and we've got no gold  
Just a whole lot of happiness in our soul*

### **Sky Blues**

Sky Blues in the Community is the official charity arm of Coventry City Football Club. They actively seek to contribute to local, regional, and national priorities, using the football club to positively impact on a range of agendas such as physical activity, health and wellbeing, community safety, community cohesion, employment and skills. And what joy, we have met with them and will be establishing an all ability Football Team in the Warwick /Leamington area. Someone from Sky Blues in the Community will be responsible for coaching the team. We are sure this will lead to other good things happening with the club. #HappyFootball

### **Dance with Anjali**

Arts Uplift and Entrust are working with Anjali in 2019. They are a Dance Company, based in Banbury whose marvellous first-class Dancers all have Learning Disabilities. They will provide a Dance Teacher and a Dance Artiste for sessions to run 10 to 2pm week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July.

We would look to book a special venue for the sharing performance at the end for parents/friends

In addition, there will follow a 1 day session in October half term for a refresher in preparation for the visit to Anjali's show 'Genius' at Warwick Arts Centre on Thursday 7th November.

### **Chase Meadow Community Centre**

In discussions with the Community Development Manager at Chase Meadow Community Centre, Entrust Care partnership have agreed to facilitate a number of parent and carer Coffee Mornings over a six month period, each session will have a specific 'focus'. Aimee Mann Mentoring will give a 30-45 minute 'presentation' followed by open conversations. The dates for these monthly sessions have been explored and we are just waiting confirmation. #happywaiting

***Happiness is a field of grain  
Lifting its face to the falling rain  
We can see it in the sunshine, we breathe it in the rain  
Happiness everywhere***

### **Telling of Us**

We will use the money we receive from Asda Green Token Scheme to act as leverage for a larger grant application to run some inclusive dance sessions with the delightful Mary Grigg with whom we worked before. The Telling of Us will be the children and young people's stories in the medium of free dance.

### **Entrust Choir**

A new Volunteer who loves music and singing has offered us the opportunity to set up an Entrust Care Partnership Choir. The Group will probably meet on a Saturday morning so watch this space and keep an eye on our Website and Facebook Page.

### **Art Classes**

One of our Entrust Care Partners is a skilled artist and together with our Service Manager they are planning a series of Art Workshops for children and young people. Another watch this space !

### **Dad to Dad**

These sessions will run weekly and be facilitated by a Dad who will be guided by those fathers, granddads, step dads who attend. Some sessions will have a theme perhaps with a speaker but remain informal 'get togethers'.

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### **Entrust Entrepreneurs in Stratford**

We have 12 more weeks of our Entrepreneurs programme at a local Stratford venue. So if you are over 16, free in the day and wish to make, bake and create items to sell and earn some pocket money in the process this may be just what you are looking for! Learn about money management, marketing and customer interaction.

### **Entrust Care Partners**

Our dedicated Service Manager has been busy recruiting new partners to support your children, young people and adults and will continue to do so throughout the year.

Who knew that 60% of our current 1 to 1 staff team have children with additional needs and we value the qualities they can bring to the organisation. Jenny joined us towards the close of 2018 but already has proved a hit with families and is helping us plan the Sleepover. Sally and Gurpreet are confirmed in post and ready for action.

***I hope when you go to measuring our success  
That you don't count our money count our happiness***

**#happiness as we continue to develop and maintain our regular services:**

- Out & About Service
- Holiday Breaks Opportunities
- Coffee & Chats
- Open Door Café and Kafenio
- One to One and don't forget you can now purchase Vouchers which can be exchanged for support for your loved ones at a price to suit your pocket - a lovely gift
- Social Entrepreneurs' meetings
- Toddler Group

We are awaiting decisions on further grant applications for additional Siblings groups, Who Cares We Care Programme, Velvet Bulldozer Programme, Telling of Us and Grandparents Matter Too. Fingers crossed for even more happiness!

Lynne Barton and Carole Weaver

Directors

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