



NEWS

KFCA Drama Club

The KFCA drama groups had another successful performance on 10 July 2010. The enthusiasm of the children was really rewarding. We cannot over emphasise the positive benefits of children participating in activities such as this. They gain confidence and self esteem as well as having a good time. Carer cost is limited to £1.25 per rehearsal which contributes to the rental of the hall. The clubs will be starting up again in September; we are hoping to see more foster children participating this year (and foster carers own children are welcome). For more information see the KFCA web site (www.kfca.org.uk) for contact details or contact the KFCA drama leader Maria Dobner (treasurer@kfca.org.uk).

Mental Health Project

The KFCA are holding a workshop on 24 September 2010 at Lenham – ‘Thinking about Yourself in Fostering’ facilitated by Teresa Griffiths and Adrienne Ayres. Places are limited and there is a waiting list. If you have booked and cannot now attend please let Sue Hope know in good time so she can reallocate the place.

Also for your diary is a major conference on Mental Health to be held at Lenham on 20 January 2011. Brian Cairns will be one of the guest speakers. Invitations will be issued.

KFCA Conference and AGM

The annual AGM will be held on 03 March 2011 at KFCA. To encourage better attendance by Foster Carers the meeting will consist of a very short AGM followed by a conference for Foster Carers. This is very much in the planning stage and we would welcome any ideas on what issues carers would like discussed which would enable us to ensure appropriate people are there to answer your questions. Please contact Cathy Goodwin (CGood666@aol.com).

Magazine for Foster Carers

There is a very useful and interesting quarterly magazine for foster carers. It cost £2 an issue or £7 for an annual subscription. The new issue has articles on Sure Start, Talking Trouble, Play Time, Withdrawal, Cyberbullying, etc. It is a good read and well worth the money. For more information see www.fosterfamilies.co.uk .

FosterTalk

And finally, don't forget the support services of FosterTalk are now available to all KCC Foster Carers courtesy of KCC. The various services are tailored for your needs; let's make use of this exceptional bonus. For more information see the FosterTalk web site.

www.fostertalk.org