

Happy New Year everyone!—We hope everyone has settled in to 2017 and is looking forward to what the year will bring. Here at the office it is all go with planning for the year ahead...



New Charity Shop!

Good News! We are hoping to open a Charity Shop in Whitburn in April!

If you would like to volunteer and gain experience in Retail, then please get in touch with Gillian on 01506 415 755 or email admin@homestartwl.org.uk for a recruitment pack.

As this is our first year we are unable to offer a formal qualification but, all being well, this is due to be implemented in the summer of 2018. Travel expenses will be reimbursed. A formal successful interview process and attendance at a Volunteer Preparation Course, and two satisfactory references are required.

For a chat about the volunteering role please contact our Manager, Shelley on 01506 415 755.



Need to Cancel a Visit?

Please let us know as soon as possible if you need to cancel your Volunteer's visit. Some of our Volunteers arrange childcare to visit families or have to travel a fair distance so the sooner you can let us know the better.



Exchanging Information

Please be advised that outside of the home-visit our Volunteers are **NOT** allowed to communicate with their Home-Start families other than through Carol-Anne or Lisa our Family Support Co-ordinators, or other staff members. Please **do not** exchange telephone numbers, email address or become 'Friends' on Facebook. Contact numbers for all relevant staff are given to all families. We have a group Facebook Page you can join (even if you don't attend a group) if you need to get in touch. Thank you.



Family Groups

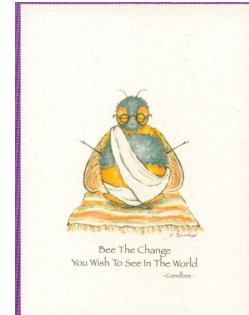
Firstly, we would like to say how wonderful it was to see you all at our annual family Christmas Party in December. We hope that you all had a great time!

We are looking forward to see you all at our family group sessions throughout the year. We have lots of exciting activities planned!!

Below are our upcoming sessions;

February—Yoga Bee's

*2nd -Broxburn; 8th Inveralmond; 15th Forrestbank
23rd Blackburn*



March—What is a Parent?

2nd Broxburn ; 8th Inveralmond; 15th Forrestbank; 23rd Blackburn

April—Easter/New Life Arts and Crafts

6th Broxburn; 12th Inveralmond; 19th Forrestbank; 27th Blackburn

We will be in touch before the groups, as always, if you will be able to attend. We would like to remind you that if you are unable to attend for any reason that you let us know via the contact information below as soon as possible. We have a three group absence policy, this means that if you miss three groups in a row we will phone you to discuss if you want to continue with groups. We must stress that due to the popularity of the groups we have other families waiting to attend.

Mobile; 07943 409 074

Facebook; Cameron Cook (teddy bear profile picture)

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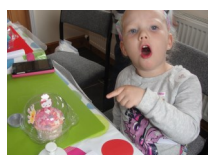


See you all soon!!

Repeating our Open Day



Our first Open Day last year was such a success that we are going to hold another one again this year for all our families, volunteers, trustees and staff to come together and get to know each other, find out what everyone's role are in Home-Start West Lothian and more importantly to have fun together!!



Open Day
Saturday 3 June 2017
Cameron House—Fairbairn Road
11am—2pm
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.....