

Understanding Differences

A Self-Help Group

Raising Awareness to Support Children who have Experienced Difficult Times

UPDATE

June 2004 to end August 2004

The purpose of UPDATE is to keep you informed on the progress of the group, what we have achieved, spent, meetings, your stories, why you have an interest in the group and hopefully supportive comments from recognised bodies to help us on our way.....

MONEY SPENT

To be confirmed by Jeff.

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The membership is growing and seems to be doing the job of supporting newly diagnosed families of CHD as they are feeling able to chat to those that have already been there.

GRANTS

No grants have been awarded but we will be applying for a children in need grant. Its worth a try.

DONATIONS

£107 collected from generous collections from Brewsters.

FUNDRAISING

· Jump Rope for Heart raised
To be confirmed but around £130, 25% is the total that UD keep, the rest goes to the British Heart Foundation. However we now have our own skipping kit.

· Sponsored Hop, Skip, Jump & Throw raised
Again to be confirmed but, around £90, the designated charity for this event was Little Hearts Matter where a donation of 20 % will be given when the amount is confirmed.

MEETINGS

Still at Brewsters every 4th Monday of the month, Tilgate Park, Tilgate, Crawley. We meet at 6pm.

SAMPLE BOOKS IN SCHOOLS

The following schools have received sample packs in the hope that they would leave them in a classroom for parents to use- having a link to our group. The books will help to Raise Awareness and will also provide the opportunity for children to produce their own pieces of work to add to the support packs.

Tilgate Playgroup-have tried to promote it but, no-one is interested unless it is happening to them.

Southgate school-need to give chase up letter

Rainbow Playgroup-taken chase up letter

Gossops Green Playgroup-need to give chase up letter

Dormans Playgroup-taken chase up letter

Mrs Cooper Ifield-taken chase up letter-via Anna

Gossops Green-collected the books as they are getting new head next year and cannot make the decision

Our Lady's Playgroup-taken chase up letter-via Anna

St. Margarets Playgroup-are interested to help promote but nothing in writing.

Meath Green Infant school Horley- have confirmation that they are interested, have emailed chase up letter. **Desmond Anderson** have put the books in two classrooms, but they are not promoting the fact that they are there.

Our membership is growing. We want it to reflect all differences and difficult times to achieve the maximum support to families on a local level.

- Heart conditions-CHD
- Diabetics
- Asthma
- Eczema
- Learning disability
- Living with domestic violence

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