



Foster Carers Newsletter

September 2021



Welcome to your September newsletter!

We hope that you all had a good summer! It's hard to believe that we're already in September and that autumn is creeping up on us...

If you've been out in Sandwell, catching the late summer sunshine, you may have noticed our latest outdoor advertising campaign (we've included one of our ads on the next page). Thanks to Sandwell Council we've had 50 eye catching posters up all over the borough, helping to get the message out there in September.

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Back on Facebook

Some of you may have noticed that we're back on Facebook this month too. We have two adverts running throughout September and we'll be following up with another one in October. The adverts are working very well for us, so we're really hopeful of getting more new foster carers on board to join our family.

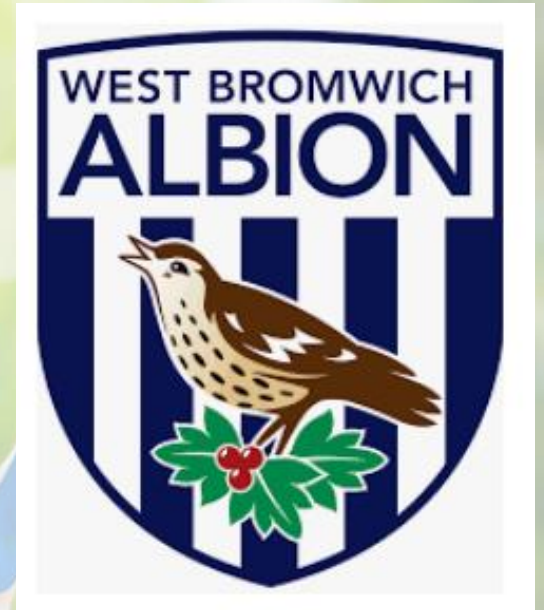
As always, if you see anything from the Trust on Facebook, please 'like' or 'share', it really does help!

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Backing the Baggies!

Our own recent upturn in form (with a home win when Ofsted were the visitors!) is being matched at the Hawthorns. Now we wouldn't want to claim all the credit... but it does coincide with our new stadium advertising, which includes a 30 second half-time advert and advertising on all the concourse TV's where fans go for a pie and a Bovril at half-time. Just saying...

So, there's no escaping SCT at WBA! (With apologies to those of you who's hearts lie 'up the road' at Molineux...)



Have you got what it takes to step up?

We're looking for specialist foster carers to offer a family home to a young person with additional needs who we don't want to have to stay in residential care any longer.

This would be a full-time commitment for someone with previous experience or transferable skills, relating to caring for children with disabilities.

If you feel you could look after a child with specialist needs please speak to your Supervising Social Worker.





Foster Talk – tax webinars

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Foster Talk have organised some fixed Tax, Benefits and NI webinars. All you need to do is register via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/BpVzFdU3Mk>

Tuesday 19th October 7.00p.m

Thursday 28th October 1.00p.m

Tuesday 2nd November 10.00a.m

Thursday 4th November 7.00p.m

Tuesday 16th November 7.00p.m

Thursday 18th November 10.00a.m

Tuesday 30th November 10.00a.m

Thursday 2nd December 7.00p.m

Tuesday 7th December 7.00p.m

Thursday 9th December 10.00a.m



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Break-time!

Just a quick reminder, our next coffee morning will be on **Friday 1 October from 10:30 to 11:30** and the good news is that it will be a hybrid session!

We will have some people in attendance in the Boardroom at the Wellman Building along with others joining us virtually including our Chief Executive, Emma Taylor.

As always you can request the meeting link from Lynn Jones – just drop her an email lynn_jones@sandwellchildrenstrust.org

We would love to see you there!

Covid vaccinations for children and young people in care

As a Trust, we have sought advice from our Designated Doctor and Named Nurse for Children in Care and based on the advice we have received, we support the vaccination programme for children aged 12-17 years

We believe that children should be able to consent if they are deemed to be Gillick Competent. They should be given information by their social worker to help them make an informed choice. We've included the links to [some helpful information](#) to support this discussion

All consent forms will be signed by the Head of Service for Children in Care as this is not a routine vaccination where consent can be given through delegated authority.

EU Settlement Scheme

The UK government set up the EU Settlement Scheme to enable EU citizens to continue to live, work and study in the UK after the 31st December 2020 when the transition period for the UK's withdrawal from the European Union ended.

The deadline for application was 30th June 2021. However, the Home Office will consider late applications in certain circumstances and this currently includes applications for children. For further information click [here](#).



A message from Shanti Eaves

Hi everyone

I'm writing to let you know that our Registered Manager, Andy Logie has been offered an exciting new position with another Local Authority which means that he will be leaving Sandwell Children's Trust Fostering Service on 1st October 2021.

We are in the process of recruiting a new Fostering Registered Manager who can continue to work with us on our incredible journey so far which has led us to become a 'Good' Fostering Service. I will keep updated on the progress of our recruitment and we all wish Andy well in his new venture.

Back to School word search

How many of these words can you find?

alphabet	Drama	History	numbers	Science
Art	elementary	homework	pencil	Social Studies
backpack	English	Language Arts	Physical Education	Spelling
books	friends	learn	reading	students
classroom	Geography	library	recess	subjects
crayons	grades	Math	school	teacher
desk	Health	Music	scissors	writing



Back to School

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 Y I D H C W T X T R E Z F A O S E N E P
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That's it for this month!



We hope that you've enjoyed this month's newsletter and don't forget that we would love to hear from you! If you know about any great fostering resources, articles or web links just let us know via email at:

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or contact your allocated Supervising Social Worker.

We look forward to hearing from you – see you next month!

