



Foster Carers Newsletter

December 2021



A message from Shanti Eaves - Head of Service



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the incredible work that you do for our children and young people every day.

We appreciate everything that you do and whilst the last two years have been particularly difficult, your unwavering support and commitment has continued to be inspirational.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



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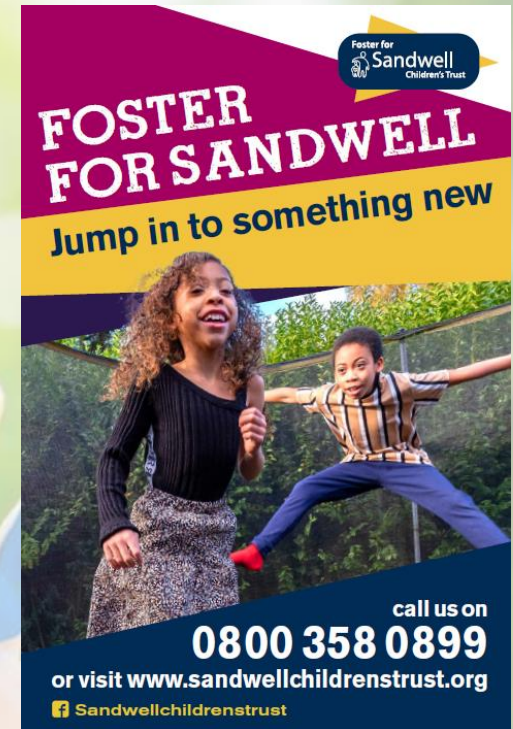
Welcome to your December newsletter!

As we come to the end of another very unusual year, we hope that you continue to keep safe and well and that you enjoy this month's newsletter...

New Year...New Campaign

We're busy making plans for our January fostering campaign with new posters going up all over Sandwell from 4th January – here's a sneak preview!

We'll also be busy online, with Facebook adverts and a virtual information event on 19th January. We're even hoping to have posters on display in New Square shopping centre in West Bromwich, who have been really supportive.



We're back! January coffee morning



Just a quick reminder that our next monthly virtual coffee morning will be on Friday 7th January at 10:30.

Of course, we're all still disappointed we couldn't have a live event in December, but we're determined to carry on with our virtual get togethers.

As always you can request the meeting link from Lynn Jones – just drop her an email lynn_jones@sandwellchildrenstrust.org but we'll also send out the link nearer the time.

Let's all hope it's the start of a better year!

Foster carers support group



The next FC Support Group is on Wednesday 12th January 2022.

We are still hoping to have these face to face but will keep everyone updated as we adhere to the restrictions in place at the time.



Foster carer training brochure

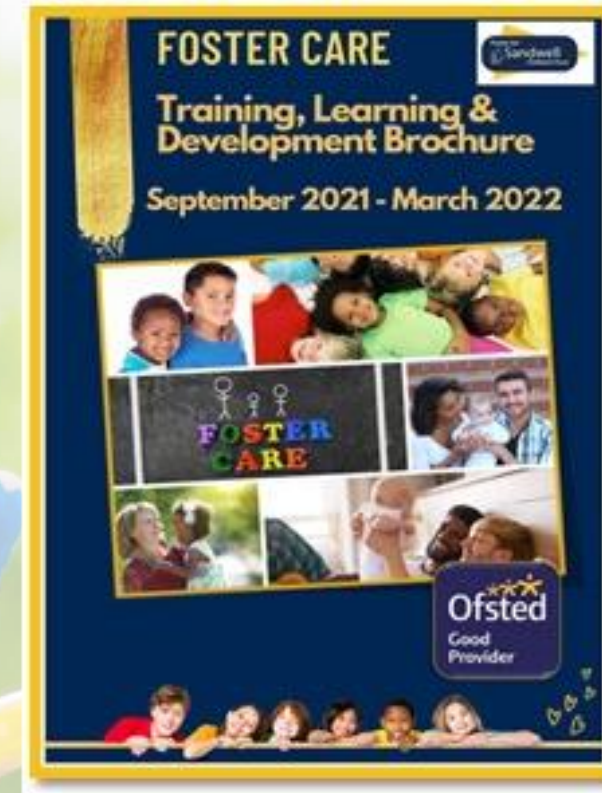


We are pleased to share the new [Foster care training brochure](#) with you. Please take time to read and familiarise yourself with “Our Expectations” on pages 3,4 & 5 as this will explain what mandatory training you are expected to complete.

Some new features in the brochure include information on funded courses with Sandwell and Adult Family Learning, Walsall College and GoTo Training (pages 50-56).

You will also find some information on the Sandwell Family Information Service and the Dog, Duck and Cat Trust on pages 71 & 72.

For those of you completing your TSD's we have included some training available on the Foster Care Training Hub to support you (pages 63-65) as well as some virtual drop in sessions (page 20).



Max cards – a reminder...



As we said last month, Lynn Jones in the admin team has asked us to pass on this message about what to do if you lose your Max Card.

Foster Talk have advised us that if Max Cards are lost foster carers will need to contact Foster Talk directly on 01527 836910 to advise them of this and request a replacement card.

There will be a small charge of £3.00 to replace any lost Max Cards.



Christmas Quiz Time!



We've attached some fun Christmas quizzes for you and the children to enjoy – no cheating!

- [Children's Christmas Quiz](#)
- [Children's Multiple Choice Christmas Quiz](#)
- [Christmas Challenge](#)

- [Children's Christmas Quiz answers](#)
- [Children's Multiple Choice Christmas Quiz answers](#)
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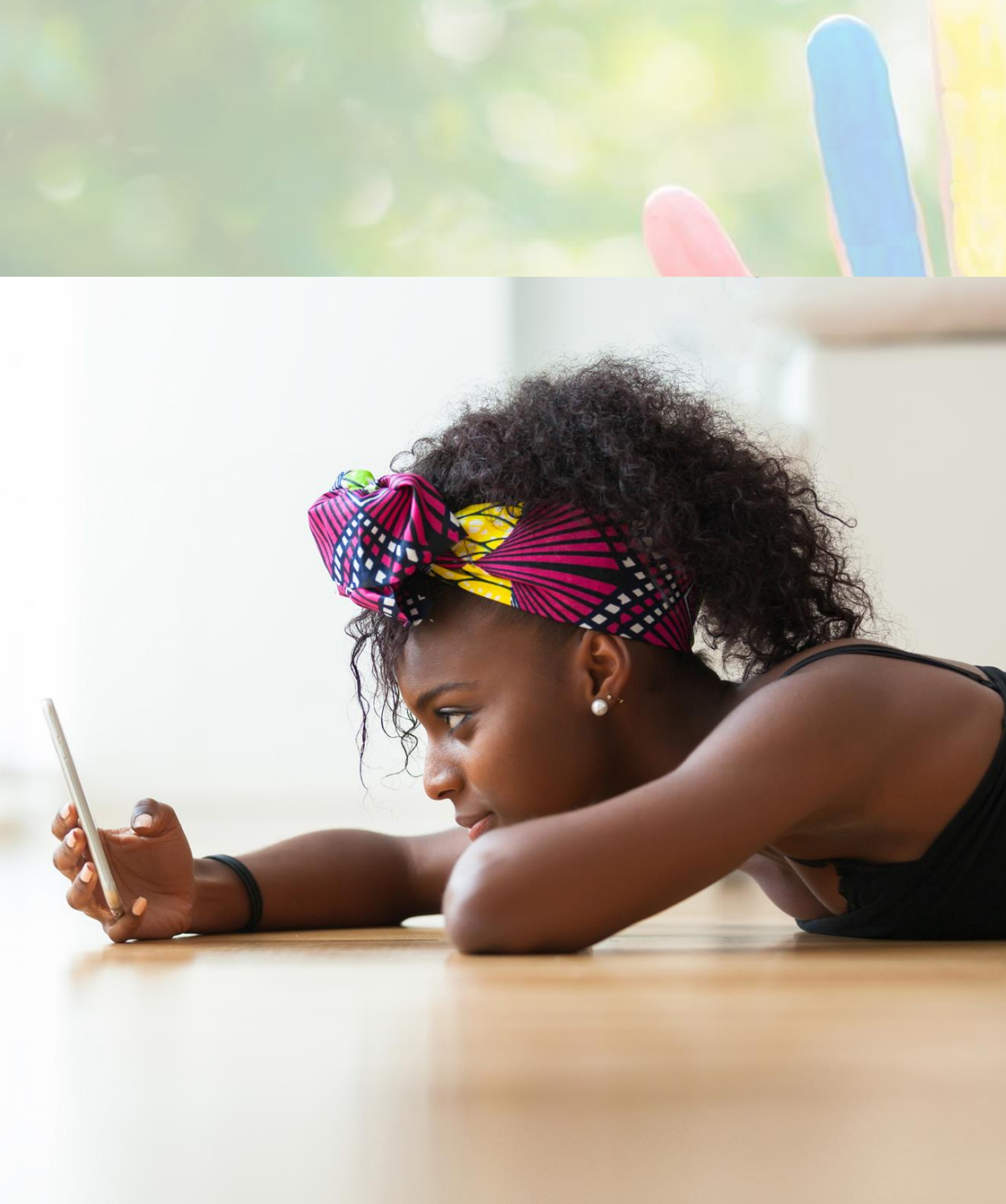
Have fun finding the words!



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RUDOLPH
SCROOGE
TINYTIM

GRINCH
MRSCLAUS
SANTA
SNOWMEISER
JACKFROST



That's it for this year!



We hope that you've enjoyed the newsletters this year and as always, 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:

Fostering_info@sandwellchildrenstrust.org

or contact your allocated Supervising Social Worker.

We look forward to hearing from you
See you next in January!





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