

# ROMSEY OPPORTUNITY GROUP

The Appletree Centre, Princes Road, Romsey SO51 8DS

01794 511927 (Tues & Thurs 9-1pm)

Registered Charity No. 266330



**June 2022**

## **Dear Parents/Carers, Volunteers and Staff**

Welcome to the Summer Term. It is beginning to feel more like normal whatever that is, since having to live with Covid!

We have kept in touch with Lyn, who is making a great recovery from her major operations. It is great to see her smiling face on my regular visits, and she is delighted with the cards, especially those from the children and all the gifts.



It is wonderful to welcome Carys, who is on a student placement for the summer term, to the ROG family. Carys is from Barton Peveril College and is hoping to become a midwife, we wish her good luck.

On behalf of the trustees, I must give all our volunteers a huge thank you for all their efforts not only with the children, but with also helping to keep the playground and Wendy House up together.

We are very appreciative of the help Keith Fisher gives to keeping the weeds under control and general maintenance jobs.

There are now 12 children & families attending the group. 6 children on each morning. Unfortunately, we can still only offer one placement a week, as we only have enough volunteers to provide 1:1 support. There are 8 children & families on our waiting list so if anyone knows of a friend or a family member who would like to volunteer with us, please let us know.



*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Romsey Mayors Picnic from 12 noon - 5pm at Romsey Memorial Park*

*Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July - End of term*

*Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Safeguarding training for Volunteers, Staff & Trustees*

*Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September - Staff / Volunteers only*

*Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September - Children return*

*Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Walk the Test Way 2022*

## **Covid testing**

The Government is actively discouraging people from testing. If people feel unwell, we are asking people to stay away, but this is the case for all illnesses. We are aiming to treat Covid like all other illnesses. However, if we become aware of a Covid positive link to any member of ROG (child, parent, staff member or volunteer), we will inform the community and then they can make the decision whether they come into the group. Anyone who has tested positive for Covid will be asked to not attend ROG for the recommended isolation period.

## **Important Reminders for Parents/Carers**

- If your child cannot attend a session, please text [Janine](#) on [07970428770](#) on the evening before the session or contact the Appletree Centre on [01794 511927](#) from [9.00am](#) on the morning of the session. The earlier you let us know the better.
- Please bring a set of spare clothes re messy play.
- With the hot weather approaching please apply sun cream to your child and bring a sun hat to be worn.
- Please place your child's snack on the table in the parents' room clearly labelled.
- We have recently introduced a parents/carers board. You will find this in the parents' room.

## **Volunteer Information**

- If you are unable to attend a session, please text [Janine](#) on [07970428770](#) on the evening before the session or contact the Appletree Centre on [01794 511927](#) from [9.00am](#) on the morning of the session.
- Helpers' meetings now take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from 12.15pm.

## **Group Activities**



**Save the  
Children**

We raised a wonderful £51.73 for 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you all for your efforts and for taking part.



## **Abbotswood Community Centre Charity/Craft Table Top Sale**

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Alison Collins (Volunteer with ROG) and I set up a Tombola Stall at the Abbotswood Community Centre to raise funds for ROG. It was such a lovely event, but unfortunately it wasn't very well attended, mainly due to it being a lovely sunny day and people not wanting to be inside. Anyway, Alison and I had a giggle or two, and we raised £50!

Many thanks to 'Sally Qajar' organiser of the event who let us have the table free of charge, it's so lovely when the community support ROG in this way, it makes a big difference to a small charity like ours! And thank you to Alison for helping me,



**Ruth Martin (ROG Trustee)**

## Appletree Fence – Repaired

Hampshire County Council sent contractors on 31<sup>st</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> April to replace the playground fence that was damaged during storm Eunice.



## Unity – Volunteers Fair

Our treasurer Dick Hewett and our Chairperson Helen Rogers spent the morning of Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at Romsey Town Hall, trying to recruit some new volunteers and making people aware of what we do.



## Upcoming Events

### Mayors Picnic 2022

The **Romsey Town Mayors Picnic** will be going ahead on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** at the **Romsey Memorial Park**. The event runs from **12noon - 5.00pm**. ROG will be having a '**Teddy Tombola**' stall so any help either in the lead up or on the day will be greatly appreciated. Please chat to Janine for more details.

### Walk the Test Way 2022

The date of **Walk the Test Way for your Charity** organised by the **Rotary Club of Romsey Test** has been announced. This year it will take place on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September**. You can choose to walk one of five distances **5, 8, 11, 16 or 25.5 miles**. Walkers are taken by coach to their starting point and will end the walk in Romsey Memorial Park where there will be a medal awaiting them. Sign up on or before the **30<sup>th</sup> June** to take advantage of the Early Bird discount of **£12.00** for adults and **£6.00** for under 18's

## Useful Links

**SENDIASS have an EHCP flowchart**

[https://www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/files/ugd/a364c1\\_e21c7653efac48259de0afc72d720d4c.pdf](https://www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/files/ugd/a364c1_e21c7653efac48259de0afc72d720d4c.pdf)

**And info on choosing schools**

<https://www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/my-childs-ehcp>

Visit our website <http://www.romseyopgroup.org.uk>

e-mail [rog@romseyopgroup.org.uk](mailto:rog@romseyopgroup.org.uk) or **01794 511927 (Appletree)** Tuesday and Thursday  
9.00am – 1.00pm term time only