



## **Saxon Sure Start Children's Centre**

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Our first Parents Forum was held on Friday 11 March. During this informal session we asked and you told us:

### **What you *like* about the centre.....**

- approachable staff - easy to ask for support and advice
- access to 'Messy stuff'
- healthy snack times with variety of fruit
- the semi-structured format of 'Play & Stays'
- time to spend with your child
- the equipment and resources
- Increasing confidence - for both you and your children

### **What you *don't* like.....**

- when you can't book onto a session if its full
- when people don't turn up to sessions
- not knowing people's names
- the kitchen area is too exposed

### **What next for the centre....**

- engage with local students to help 'man' the sessions
- develop some day's out
- a tea-time session
- an additional Messy Play
- a 'terrible two's course
- make the sessions more inclusive (i.e. any news to share during song-time)
- a 'parents' board to share ideas and local information



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***What we have during April & May in response to your feedback:***

- Extended the current kitchen area and installed a new 'breakfast bar' to make it feel safer to drink hot drinks
- Ran our first 'tea-time' Play & Stay'
- Opened the centre for an additional morning with the aim of offering a 'Parent Led Messy Play' from September 2011 (more information to follow).
- Introduced a new visual time-table within the sessions
- Delivered a 'Positive Parenting' workshop specifically aimed for Parents with children aged 2 – 5 years
- Developed a 'Themed Walk' element to our time-table
- The parents board is currently on order and will be up in the centre as soon as it arrives

From the Summer Term and with the introduction of our New Outreach Team we will be working towards a more 'inclusive' song time and offering parents the opportunity to wear name labels if they wish.

***Thank you very much to all the parents who made our First Parent's Forum – please come along to our next planned dates.***

**Wednesday 15 June 0930**

**Tuesday 18 October 0930**