

HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

"Babies are born to learn...but they don't come with a set of instructions!"

We would like to invite you to an Open Afternoon to launch an exciting new project at Hawridge & Cholesbury Church of England School for expectant parents and parents of children aged 0-3years. The scheme is called Parents as First Teachers (P.A.F.T.) and its aim is to provide parents/carers with the information, support and encouragement needed to help them give their child the best possible start in life, whether it's your first child or subsequent child, and prepare them for starting school.

The scheme is there to offer group support on a variety of parenting issues such as sleep, toilet training, discipline, managing parental anxiety and so much more. There is the opportunity for individual support, unique to you and your family and opportunities to meet others and learn about your child's development as well as find out about local resources.

Open Afternoon –Thursday, 15th June 2017 2pm-3pm in School Hall

The afternoon will be an opportunity to:

- find out more about Parents as First Teachers
- browse some of the resources that are available
- meet with other parents with children of a similar age
- open discussion/ brainstorm about hopes and ambitions of being a parent as well as struggles and challenges to help shape future group sessions
- participate in activities for you and your babies/young children.

Refreshments will be provided for you and your child.

We really hope that you will be able to come along and find out more about Parents as First Teachers and what it can offer you.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or email the school office.

Kind regards
Mrs Sue Watteeux
PAFT Educator and Learning Support Assistant