



# Horn End News

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## Helping First Time Dads

We have been asked to tell you about The Fatherhood Institute which is working in Staffordshire through the Community and Learning Partnerships (C&LP), at four sites in Staffordshire to present a new initiative for fathers to be.

Hit the Ground Crawling is a workshop run by dads for dads. Aimed at first time dads late in the antenatal period, dads are led through the workshop content by a Facilitator and several 'veteran' dads who bring their experiences and their babies with them.

The effect of the workshop is two-fold:

1. Soon-to-be dads get an opportunity to talk to other men, about what it is like to be a dad.
2. They watch and learn how to care for their new babies. The workshop aims to prepare men for the early stages of fatherhood with the intent of increasing confidence in their ability to care for their baby and partner, navigate changes in their lifestyle, integrate their new identity as a father, and form a lasting bond with their child. It doesn't matter what your age is, if you are a soon-to-be first time dad, then please come along to the workshop.

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Alternatively, to find a workshop in your area, please visit [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/eyc](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/eyc)



### Raising Standards

One of our aims as an organisation is to continuously improve and increase standards of education and care. This is achieved in part by ensuring we exceed industry standards in regards to qualifications of our team. All are qualified who have responsibility for key groups. Whilst we offer support with additional staff who have not fully completed their training we aim to always offer 100% qualified staff to care for your child.. The industry standard is just 50% and only to a level 2 standard. At Horn End 90% of our staff have a level 3 or above qualification.

A big thank you to all the parents who purchased a raffle ticket from me towards the first responding team. A total of £200 was contributed from parents this went towards a final total of over £4000 raised Locally **DAN**

### Big Toddle

#### The Big Toddle

Toby Talls are talking part in a Barnardo's children's charity event, this is the Big Toddle, on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008. The Big Toddle is a sponsored half mile walk around Milford Common and Cannock Chase. The money raised will help pay for Barnardo's project for young children to give them a better start in life.

Further information on Barnardo's Big Toddle, please visit [www.bigtoddle.co.uk](http://www.bigtoddle.co.uk)

### Tesco Vouchers

Thank you for all of you help with collecting the Tesco Vouchers we have placed our order for a darkbox

We hope to use the tent outside as it is another area for the children to take items they find outside to investigate. We hope to use binoculars to look at birds in the trees and magnifying glasses to discover minibeasts. The quiet space will develop a new space to allow the children's natural exploratory instincts to grow.

We hope that it will arrive at the beginning of the autumn Term.

**Horn End Nursery Premises At**  
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& Wharf Road, Rugeley.

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