# family

Winter Newsletter 2023

## **Dates for your Diary**

YORKSHIRE

**Tuesday 14th February** 

#### SOCIAL EVENTS

**CUMBRIA** 

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April

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In October some of our families braved the weather and enjoyed a muddy day pumpkin picking.









## We loved seeing the pumpkins you carved.









#### HALLOWEEN GALLERY

















#### Sons and Daughters celebration day



In November we showed our appreciation to children who foster and invited them to join us for a day of bowling, Pizza and Shopping.





You are all amazing





In November we held our christmas card competition. We received some wonderful entries. The winning design was used as our agency Christmas card. Everyone who entered received a prize, and the winners of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> all received a special gift.











## Achievements



Well done to Ruby who was invited to a special awards ceremony with school.

We hope you enjoyed your night.

#### School Award

Well done to Tiah who was voted onto her school council.

We are sure you will do a great job

Jessica has received an award from school for her brilliant reading.

WELL DONE

Jack has received 2 awards from school for his kindness, politeness and showing caring to others.

Great job Jack.

Keep up the good work.



How delicious does this look!!

Well done Alison, we hope it tasted as good as it looked.

How kind of you to share with your friends.

#### ATTENDANCE AWARD

Well done Chantelle,

We hope you enjoyed your trampolining treat for your great attendance at school.



#### **AWARD**

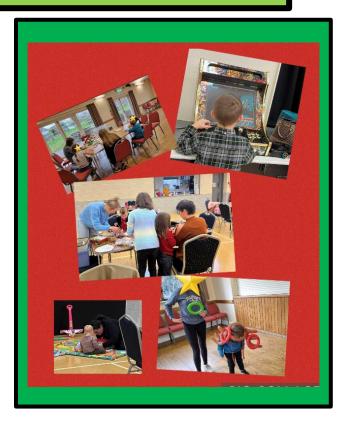
Huge congratulations to Claire on winning this years Heart Yorkshire hero parent/guardian award

Claire was nominated for this award by her family and attended an award ceremony in September. December was a busy month for all. We held Christmas lunches, shop and drop and a pantomime for our Cumbria families.





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Families and Staff enjoyed a Christmas pantomime in Cumbria.

Unfortunately the Yorkshire pantomime was cancelled.

We are hoping to plan an extra event into next year's calendar.

### <u>Upcoming Training Dates</u>

## & Support groups

#### **Yorkshire**

#### Wednesday 18th January

10am-12 noon

Carer support group

Apex Office Doncaster

Wednesday 25th January

10am-2pm

De-escalation and behavior management training

Virtual

**Tuesday 7th February** 

8pm-9pm

Carer support group

Virtual

#### <u>Cumbria</u>

Friday 13th January

10am-12pm

**Carer support Group** 

**Greenhill Hotel** 

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Joint Regions Virtual



#### **Yorkshire**

Thursday 16th March

10am-12pm

Carer Support Group

**Apex Office** 

#### Group Foster Carer Supervision

TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> March 10am-11am (virtual online)

 $\mathbf{Or}$ 

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 8pm-9pm

(virtual online)

Mandatory to attend either morning or evening group

#### <u>Cumbria</u>

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

10am-12pm

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## F.F.C TEAM NEWS



#### STAFF UPDATES



Senior supervising social worker

"I have been a social worker for a number of years and consider myself to be a therapeutic worker and experienced in child attachment, trauma and mental health. I hope to offer you a safe space with empathic support."

"I am a creative person and will enjoy sharing my creativity with my team and the children and young people I support"

#### REBECCA FIRTH – CUMBRIA FOSTERING TEAM

Senior Admin

Rebecca joined FFC in July 2014 and has recently acquired the position of senior admin.

"I enjoy being part of such a positive and supportive team and we certainly try to achieve the best possible outcome for all children and young people.







Alice joined the Family Foster care team in July 2022 having completed her social work degree in 2017. Alice has experience working within the child protection sector for various Local Authorities.

"I have a true passion for working with children and families and I am dedicated to promoting the best possible outcomes"



Our Team met for a Christmas lunch and to make lots of exciting plans for 2023.

We took on board feedback from carers and young people and have now created a "welcome backpack" for the older children joining our agency.



These have been delivered and much appreciated.

We love to her your ideas and thoughts.

#### 😌 Wonderful feedback 😌

"Transferring to Family Fostercare has been a breath of fresh air, what they said we would receive we have, and more!"

"I work for a number of IFAs and over the past year it is Family Fostercare that has become my benchmark of good practice. As an agency they consistently demonstrate commitment and determination to offer children the best possible homes."

"I have really enjoying the work with FFC. I have only chaired four reviews to date but am very impressed with the level of organisation and thoroughness. I think what stands out for me is the support offered to carers."

#### We are recruiting!

If you know anyone who has the potential to be a Foster Carer and can provide a safe home for a child, then please encourage them to contact us. We still have the £500 referral bonus in place for our Foster Carers once a new family, which you referred, gets their first placement.



