

West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership

Press Release

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Christmas comes early for local children

Photo opportunities: Great Heath School, Mildenhall and New Moreton Hall Pre-School, Bury St Edmunds. See end of release for details.

Children at the Out of School Club at Great Heath School in Mildenhall and New Moreton Hall Pre-school in Bury St Edmunds, are enjoying new toys early this year, thanks to West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership (WSLSP) donating over £3000.

The funding has come from the West Suffolk LSP's community chest fund, which was set up to help local community projects. Mildenhall Out of School Club has received £1500 to buy indoor and outdoor toys and play equipment including an air hockey table, train set table for the little ones, goal posts, cricket sets, football, French skipping, lots of arts and crafts and an exciting giant yellow and blue 'hamster wheel' for the children to play in. Manager, Karen Tobitt, says: "The new toys have been a huge hit and we've managed to buy all sorts of things for different ages so the children have been very excited. Even more of the toys will come into their own in the summer when we can put up the new gazebo and parachute for them to play under and they will be able to spend more time enjoying the outdoors equipment."

New Moreton Pre-school has received £1550 to pay for a paint dryer and 9 storage units for toys and equipment. Gill Mutimer, manager at the school, says: "The new units have been absolutely marvellous because now the children from our pre-school and our after school club can access all the toys enabling them to make choices aiding their independence."

John Griffith, Chair of the WSLSP, says: “The WSLSP is focused on delivering real benefits to local people. Many parents rely on our pre-schools and after school clubs as part of their childcare but the money they have for new toys and equipment is often limited. We are pleased to help provide better facilities that our children will be able to enjoy and that will help with their learning and development during these crucial years.”

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Notes to editors – photo opportunities

For photo opportunities please contact the clubs direct:

- Great Heath School, Mildenhall – Karen Tobitt 07733 366881 or 01842 860369. Opportunity for photo of children playing in giant yellow and blue hamster wheel.
- New Moreton Hall Pre-school, Bury St Edmunds – Gill Mutimer 01284 702129.

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The West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership was set up 2001 and brings together a wide range of organisations to work towards ‘making life better’.

Partners include Forest Heath District Council, St Edmundsbury Borough Council, Babergh District Council, Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Primary Care Trust, Suffolk Constabulary, West Suffolk Voluntary Organisations, West Suffolk College, Environment Agency, West Suffolk MIND, K J Business Consultants, Babergh Communities Together, Learning and Skills Council, Suffolk Association of Local Councils and the Federation of Small Businesses.

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