



THE ROBERTS CENTRE

Monthly Newsletter

Supporters Newsletter
January 2024

Working Together to Improve the Lives of Children and Families

CEO message

Hello and welcome to the first of our Supporters Newsletters in 2024. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Mel Goddard and I am delighted to say that having worked at The Roberts Centre for the last 9 years, I am now taking over the role of CEO from Carole Damper, who retired at the end of 2023.

I wanted to say a big thank you for all your ongoing support especially over the last few years when times have been extremely difficult for everyone but especially for those most in need of support. We hope that you will all continue to support The Roberts Centre as it moves into its next phase, and I look forward to getting to know you all.

If anyone would like to contact me directly, feel free to ring me at the office on 02392 296919.

Let's hope 2024 is a good year for everyone and we will continue to keep you updated on our work each month.

Kind regards,

Mel

What have we been up to over the month in Nursery?

The pre-school children were getting into the festive spirit! The children decided to help Father Christmas by making him some new sleighs.

The children in Play Scheme went to see Hook, the pantomime at the [@kingstheatre](#), and they had an amazing time!

We would like to say a big thank you to [@stagecoach_bus](#) for arranging a special Christmas bus for the children to get to the theatre.



Charity Number: 1066611



We have had many donations over the festive period which have gone out to families we support.

Fratton Big Local's Award Evening

Mel Goddard and Viki Matthews attended Fratton Big Local's award evening at St Mary's Church on behalf of Supported Contact and the Roberts Day Nursery and received a recommendation certificate acknowledging their relocation into the area this year and ongoing contribution into the Fratton community. Well done to all staff and volunteers.



How you can help

In July we always have a whole staff away day where staff have a well-deserved day out taking part in team games/events. If you have a venue we could use, free of charge, for around 35 people please let us know.

Something everyone could get involved in is if you have any broken gold bracelets, gold necklaces, odd gold earrings, or broken gold rings please donate.

Don't need or want your winter fuel allowance, we can make good use of it to support vulnerable families.



Portsmouth Cathedral Children's Tombola

Staff and volunteers had a great time working on the children's tombola at the @portseaparish Cathedral in Portsmouth. The Christmas Fair was a great success and was even visited by Santa and Robert Bear!



We have been able to support over 108 families with our Christmas Family Friends Appeal! Thank you.

Help their imagination soar!
We need batteries for our Nursery and Child Contact Centre's toys



Batteries Needed

Donation drop-off point; AA
The E C Roberts Centre &
84 Crasswell street AAA
Portsmouth PO1 1HT

