

This year will see an extra Father's Day present for men in Calderdale - a whole fortnight of experiences aimed at helping them be the best parents/carers they can be.

To help inspire dads, grand-dad's, step-dads, uncles, male carers and dads-to-be to take up the challenges they face in bringing up and supporting children aged under 5 - Men as Parents fortnight offers a range of activities, events and information, all tailored to men and children.



The Public Health Early Years' Service: Services provide Health Visiting services in Calderdale. Health Visitors provide health, support and advice for under 5s and their families.

If the Health Visitor can't help you then they will help you find someone who can.

Please contact them on 0300 304 5076 (this is a local call rate telephone number)

The Children's Centres in Calderdale are managed by independent providers:
North Halifax Partnership (NHP)
www.surestartchildrenscentresnhp.org.uk
Halifax Opportunities Trust (HOT)
www.childrenscentres.co.uk



Men as Parents

A guide to two weeks of events and activities from the 1st - 15th June 2019 aimed at men who care for children aged 0 - 5 years in Calderdale



Saturday 1st June

Dads 'R' Us Event in Conjunction with Sure Start NHP

09:30-11.30 am. Free. Innovations Children's Centre, Cousin Lane, Ovenden, Halifax
Fathers Day craft activities for dads/male carers and children. Also exciting things to do at the allotment plus a free breakfast. To Book: Call or text 07760592257 or contact@dadsareus.co.uk

Teaching your child to learn to ride a bike.

10:00am-12:00noon. Free. King Cross Fire Station, Spring Edge, Halifax HX1 3JF
A fun session aimed at teaching your child to ride a bike. Starting on balance bikes then pedal bikes. Also cover buying a bike and bike maintenance. Bikes and helmets available or bring your child's bike. Visit www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for Men as Parents - teaching your child to ride a bike

Be a firefighter!

2:00pm-4:00pm. Free. Illingworth Fire Station, Keighley Rd, Illingworth, Halifax HX2 9LL
A day for children aged under five and parents /carers to visit the local Fire Station to see what the role of a Firefighter involves. Workstations will be set up to demonstrate equipment, squirt water and chat to operational Firefighters. Also for the adults there will be an opportunity to discuss safety within the home ie smoke alarms, escape plan etc, this will be supported by Together Housing.

The Outback

1:00pm - 3:00pm Jubilee Children's Centre, Lightowler Road, Halifax HX1 5NB
Free Entry. A fun event for local families to celebrate International Children's Day. Discover the Outback and play in the garden, whilst enjoying activities such as face painting, arts & crafts, henna and many

more. For more information please contact Kausar Shahid on 01422 342552.

Monday 3rd June

Bookstart Busy Babies

11.00am-11.40am Hebden Bridge Library, Cheetham Street, Hebden Bridge, HX78EP
£2 per child or free for Passport to Leisure holders
Songs and rhymes are the best introduction to the magical world of language and literature. Come along to Bookstart Busy Babies for 40 minutes of songs and rhymes led by our Early Years Librarian and Early Childhood Music Specialist, Ben Lawrence. You and your baby will explore traditional songs and rhymes and add new ones to your repertoire. For more information please contact Ben Lawrence on 01422 392620. All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Booking is not required, please pay on the day.

Stay and Play 1,2 buckle my shoe

2:00pm - 3.00pm Warley Road School, Halifax, HX1 3TG
Free donations welcome. Activities for children 0-5 years to support the development of communication, language and maths skills. For more information please contact June Davidson on 01422 252022.

Pyjamarama 2019

5:30pm-6:15pm King Cross library, 151 Haugh Shaw Rd, Halifax HX1 3BG
£2 per child or free for Passport to Leisure holders
Just wake up, roll out of bed, and join us for a magical event in pyjamas!

From June 3 - 8 we'll be celebrating Book Trust's Pyjamarama, a new campaign to help all children experience the joy and wonder of bedtime stories. Calderdale Libraries will be taking part with its very own pyjama parties, full of fun

story-time activities for 0-5s. Children who attend the event will receive a free copy of the picture book Car, Car, Truck, Jeep by Katrina Charman and Nick Sharratt - a fantastic story to share together at home. So pop on your favourite PJs, onesie or comfy outfit and bring your little ones along. Tickets must be purchased in advance from www.ticketsource.co.uk/discover. Please note, a small booking fee will apply. For more information please contact Hannah Nutting 01422 392638.

Tuesday 4th June

Stay and Play Little Explorers 9.15am - 10.45am

Southowram Sure Start Centre, Law Lane, Southowram, Halifax, HX3 9QJ
Free, donations welcome. Activities for 0-5 years to promote children's personal, social and emotional development and to enable them to gain knowledge and understanding of the world around them. For more information please contact June Davidson on 01422 252022.

Stay and Play Messy Play 9.30am - 11.00am

New Road Children Centre at St Pauls Church, Tower Hill, Sowerby Bridge, HX6 2EQ
Free donations welcome. Activities for 0-5 years to promote children's expressive art skills and to enable them to gain knowledge and understanding of the world around them. For more information please contact June Davidson on 01422 252022.

Football Skills with Project Sport

Arrive for 9:45am session starts at 10:00 am Whitehill Primary School, Occupation Lane, Illingworth, Halifax, HX2 9RL.
Free football session for an hour and then light refreshments available afterwards. Sure Start

Children's Centres NHP 01422 243633. Creations Children's Centre. All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Booking is required. For more information please contact Gail Crabtree on 01422 434006 or e-mail Gail.Crabtree@nhpltd.org.uk

Bookstart Busy Babies 10.30am-11.10am

Brighthouse Library, Halifax Rd, Brighthouse HD6 2AF
(See Monday 3rd June for event details)

Stay and Play 1, 2 buckle my shoe

1.30pm - 3.00pm Jubilee Children Centre Lightowler Road, Halifax, HX15NB
Free donations welcome. Activities for children 0-5 years to support the development of communication, language and maths skills. For more information please contact June Davidson on 01422 252022.

Pyjamarama 2019

5:30pm-6:15pm Halifax Central Library, Square Rd, Halifax HX1 1QG
(See Monday 3rd June for event details)

Wednesday 5th June

Stay and Play Healthy Honey Bees

9.00am - 10.30am Siddal Children Centre, Backhold Lane, Siddal, Halifax, HX3 9DL
Free donations welcome
Activities for 0-5 years to learn where food comes from, how it is grown and promote healthy food choices, and physical activities to promote fine and gross motor skills. For more information please contact June Davidson on 01422 252022.

Stay and Play Messy play 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Little Stars Children Centre, Parkinson Lane, Halifax, HX1 3XL
Free donations welcome. Activities for 0-5 years to promote children's expressive arts skills and to enable

them to gain knowledge and understanding of the world around them. For more information please contact June Davidson on 01422 252022.

Stay and Play Let's Get Physical 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Beech Hill Children Centre, Mount Pleasant Avenue, Halifax, HX1 5TN
Free donations welcome
Activities for 0-5 years to promote physical development and self care skills. For more information please contact June Davidson on 01422 252022.

Getting Ready for baby - week one 6.00pm-8.00pm.

Free. Innovations Children's Centre, Cousin Lane, Halifax, HX2 8DQ
Starting on the 5th June and then running each Wednesday on the 12th, 19th and 25th June. A 4 week course run by local Health Visitors, Children's Centres and Community Midwives for anyone expecting a baby. Partners or birth supporters are welcome to attend. The best time to attend is between weeks 28 to 32 of pregnancy.

Thursday 6th June

Stay and Play Little Explorers

9.30am - 11.00am Sunshine Children Centre, Battinson Road, Halifax, HX1 4RG
Free donations welcome. Activities to promote children's personal, social and emotional development as well as gaining a knowledge to understanding of the world around them. For more information please contact June Davidson on 01422 252022.

Bookstart Busy Babies 10.00am - 10.40am

11.00am - 11.40am Halifax Central Library, Square Rd, Halifax HX1 1QG
(See Monday 3rd June for event details)

Stay and Play 1, 2 buckle my shoe 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Boothtown Children Centre, Rawson Street North, Boothtown, Halifax, HX3 6PU
Free donations welcome. Activities to support communication and language and hidden maths for children under 5 years. For more information please contact June Davidson on 01422 252022.

Roller Skating session 4.30 pm-6.30 pm

Free YMCA Halifax
Dads, male carers, uncles, grandfathers and their children. Roller Skating Fun - Come along and show your dad/male carer Sure Start NHP01422 434006 Contact Creations Children's Centre to book your place. Please note booking is required for this event.

Pyjamarama 2019

5:30pm-6:15pm Hebden Bridge Library, Cheetham Street, Hebden Bridge, HX78EP
(See Monday 3rd June for event details)

Friday 7th June

Stay and Play Let's Get Physical 9.00am - 11.30am

St Peters Church Hall, St Peter's Ave, Sowerby HX6 1HA

Parents and carers, and children 0 to 5 years . Free donations welcome. Activities to promote physical and self care skills. For more information please contact June Davidson on 01422 252022.

Bankfield Buddies

10am-12noon Bankfield Museum, Boothtown Road, Halifax HX3 6HG
£2 for children over 6 months. Come along to Akroyd Library

in Bankfield Museum and join in our activities for under-fives. In this relaxed, friendly environment children can play, enjoy a story and learn more about the fascinating military objects.

Saturday 8th June

Pyjamarama 2019 10:00am-12 noon

Halifax Central Library, Square Rd, Halifax HX1 1QG
(See Monday 3rd June for event details)

Galactic Golf Session 11:00 am. Free. Galactic Golf, Units 2 & 3 Horton Street, Halifax, HX1 1QE

Dads, male carers, uncles, grandfathers and their children. 18 holes of indoor space themed mini golf session. 40 places all together. Contact Sure Start Children's Centre NHP 01422 434006. Please note booking is required.

Monday 10th June

Safety event 10th - 14th June

Monday - Friday. Various times and locations within the Children's Centres
Parents, carers, guardians, uncles, grandparents of children 0-5 years old. Free donations welcome. Child Safety Week begins 10th June 2019. We will be marking this in many of our groups with some activities for children as well as useful information for parents. This year's subject is Family Life Today: Where's the Risk? We will be covering a number of issues, old and new, that we hope will help you to keep your children safe from accidents. For more information please visit www.childrencentres.co.uk

Wednesday 12th June

Paediatric First Aid Course 1.00pm-3.00pm Free

Siddal Children's Centre, Siddal Primary School, Backhold Lane, Siddal, Halifax, HX3 9DL
This course will provide you with knowledge and practical skills on how to give first aid/assistance to babies or young children and deal with minor illnesses. At the end of the course you will be awarded with a certificate. This course is delivered over 6 sessions with the first one starting on the 12th June. (crèche available)
Booking is essential. Please call 01422 395501.

Bookstart Busy Babies 11.00am - 11.40am

Hebden Bridge Library, Cheetham Street, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8EP
(See Monday 3rd June for event details)

People Who Help Us Storytime session 3:30pm-4:30pm

King Cross library, 151 Haugh Shaw Rd, Halifax HX1 3BG
Free. A story time session for under 5s led by various people working in the emergency services who will be reading Emergency' by Margaret Mayo & Alex Aylif

Tuesday 11th June

Birth & parenting: learn what it takes to become a top team

Free event for Calderdale dads-to-be and their pregnant partner (must be at least 20 weeks pregnant at time of booking places).

Mark Harris, midwife, founder of Birthing4Blokes.com and award-winning author of Men, Love & Birth, gives parents-to-be the inside track on what is really going on between men and women during pregnancy, labour, and the early stages of life with a new baby. Places are limited and offered on a first come first serve basis. There will be a standby list for cancellations. Please contact Jill Palmer at jill.palmer@cht.nhs.uk or call/text 0778 729 4264 if you wish to be added to the standby list. Registration on the evening is 6pm. Event starts at 6.30pm prompt.

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Thursday 13th June

Bookstart Busy Babies 10:00am - 10:40am

11:00am - 11:40am Halifax Central Library, Square Rd, Halifax HX1 1QG
(See Monday 3rd June for event details)

Sporting Event at Threeways 3.30pm-5pm

Threeways Centre, Ovenden, Halifax
Families with children up to age 10 free of charge. Bring your Dad, Step-dad, Uncle, Grandpa to this exciting event. Get your hearts pumping on the assortment of inflatables and soft play for both children and adults take part in the penalty shoot out or the large darts set. While you catch your breath why don't you visit Lion Learners where you can learn about, hold and pet the animals or take part in some art and craft activities. To book a place please call 01422 252209.

Friday 14th June

Bankfield 10am-12noon

Bankfield Museum, Boothtown Road, Halifax HX3 6HG
£2 for children over 6 months. Come along to Akroyd Library in Bankfield Museum and join in our activities for under-fives. In this relaxed, friendly environment children can play, enjoy a story and learn more about the fascinating military objects.

Saturday 15th June

Dad's group 10am - 12pm

King Cross Fire Station, Spring Edge, Halifax HX13JF
Free donations welcome. Monthly event for all male carers and their children. Lots of fun activities for children 0-8 years. Takes place 3rd Saturday of the month. For more information please contact Susy Thomas on 01422 342552.