

## Happy Easter!



### A message from CEO Andrea Maddocks!

A very Happy Easter to all our volunteer mentors and readers; thank you for your ongoing support with our service to children!

We are looking to develop our services to Cheltenham, Hereford and Staffordshire schools, so if you have any contacts that you think would be helpful, please contact me via email.

[Andrea.Maddocks@mentorlink.org.uk](mailto:Andrea.Maddocks@mentorlink.org.uk)

Also, don't forget that we have a 100-club lottery with a £50 monthly prize draw, so please contact Lucy for further details.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR AGM!**

**THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 7PM!**

Mentor Link, First Floor,

Forum building, Stourport, DY13 9BZ.

A big thank you to Mark and Ira Luxton and the Tenbury Wells Summer Lodge Masons, for their kind donation of £300 to Mentor Link following their recent race night fundraiser.



Would you be interested in raising funds to help the future generation?

Wendy, one of our service administrators, was delighted to meet two children at Greatfield Park Primary School in Cheltenham, who will be receiving support from our Volunteer Mentors in the future.

Greatfield Park Primary School is one of our first schools in Cheltenham but we are hoping to help many more children in this area and all over Gloucestershire!



### Safeguarding.

Our volunteer mentors are important to Mentor Link and we always value your time and dedication to the children that you support.

On occasion the children may reveal to you situations that are going on in their lives that need to be reported on as a safeguarding matter, either as a concern or disclosure. Please remember to talk to staff about anything that your mentee reveals in their mentoring session that may indicate harm to the child or another so that we all work together for the benefit of the child. Our staff are always here to support you.

Congratulations to Kirsty Elizabeth Chandler for winning our 100-club lottery this month!

For as little as £4.00 a month you too can support a child's mentoring session and be entered into the monthly draw.

Our CEO Andrea Maddocks MBE and Service Manager Karen Morgan enjoyed meeting with Sir Gavin Williamson in Brewood, to raise awareness in Staffordshire about our great mentoring service to children in Staffordshire Schools!



Thank you to our brilliant Volunteer Mentors Bernie and Dave, who attended the Health and Wellbeing Market on Saturday 14th February, hosted by Ross on Wye Town Council!

The event aimed to shine a spotlight on the fantastic work being done across our community, to support health and wellbeing, by different organisations including Mentor Link!

Bernie and Dave were on hand to give information about being a Volunteer Mentor, how it helps children's mental health, and how much they love doing it!

Would you like to help at an event? Contact Karen or Helen at Mentor Link.



What do children think about their sessions with Volunteer Mentors?

Here is what one mentee says...

"I didn't have friends before these sessions. I used to stay alone and not talk to anyone, and I used to come late to school every day.

After the sessions things became much better!

I got friends, everyone started to talk to me. I stay happy now. Also, I feel more confident and prouder of myself, and I come to school on time every day because I have hope to come to school and see my friends."



# Need to get in touch?

Please see all the staff contact details below!

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