

Dear colleague,

17 July 2017

Join our weekend birthday party in Leeds!

To celebrate five years since HRH The Queen visited Leeds and helped launch Leeds City Council's bold ambition to be a truly child friendly city – Child Friendly Leeds - the council and partner organisations are hosting a 'Big Birthday Bonanza' and the whole city is invited.

Child Friendly Leeds is hosting two days of free events for families in the city centre on 22 and 23 July 2017 from 12 - 4pm. Please note, an early opening on Millennium Square (11am – 12 noon) on 23 July is for children with additional and complex needs.

There will be many free activities on Millennium Square, Briggate, Cookridge Street, Albion Street and in the shopping centres. Families are invited to bring a picnic and enjoy free screenings on the Big Screen in Millennium Square. CBBC is also joining in the celebration as are Breeze, Active Sports and city centre ambassadors, who will be putting on lots of different activities to encourage families to explore the city centre. These will include a climbing wall, go-karts, sports activities, a flash mob dance and arts and crafts. More information is available on our website <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/childfriendlyleeds/Pages/big-birthday-bonanza.aspx>

All event visitors will be given a map of activities and encouraged to take up the free offers. There may be nominal charges for some events and for refreshments, but the majority of activities are free.

We want as many children and parents to come along to the event as possible, so that we can help to create special childhood memories for families in Leeds. This birthday celebration is a fantastic opportunity to say thank you to all of the businesses, organisations and individuals who have supported Child Friendly Leeds over the past five years.

We would be extremely grateful if you could promote the event to children and families at your school via your newsletter and/or website.

Thank you for all you do to support and inspire young people in Leeds.

Kindest regards,



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