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## Fostering Connections Newsletter... August 2023 edition

**"If there's a cause worth fighting for... it's this: children belong in families."** Nicole Skellenger

Dear Foster Carers

How are you all?

Enjoying the summer holidays?

We have arranged a trip to Hamerton

Zoo on 14 August... there is still time to

let us know if you would like to join us.

Please get in touch with Fiona.

**Meet one of our directors... Glen**



Named after Glen Campbell, (or Glenn Ford if you ask his dad)!

**Job:** Foster Parent, Dog Dad and rescuer of two horses!

Glen is a loyal and caring friend and family man. He enjoys travelling, and socialising with good friends (and with good food of course)!

He lives at home with his partner David, 2 foster teenagers, two dogs, 5 chickens, a tortoise and two rescue horses.

**An interesting fact about Glen...** when he was 10 years old, he played Oliver in a school play in front of Lionel Bart who was the sole creator of the musical Oliver.



## Book Corner



We would like to start sharing book recommendations... books on fostering, perhaps a short light read and of course children's books.

My recommendation this month...

"The Lie that Wasn't" by Sarah Naish



For Sarah Naish's recent book... see our social media posts.

Please share more of your favourite reads and we shall put them on our website.

Also shared on social media are your fab photos of what you are up to in the holidays. We love the fact we are a village and we care passionately about the welfare of you, our families...

## Kid's Zone

We are going to create a page for your children on our website and would like your children's input. Please ask them what they would like to see on this page.

[Young Minds](#) is a great source of information and support for children's mental health. They have a [Parents Helpline](#) too, which can provide advice and support if you're worried about a child or young person.



Image from Mental Fills Counselling

## Did you know?

CEOP, Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre have good information about online safety and advice for parents.

Signing up to CEOP Education is free <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>



**Welcome to CEOP Education**

Education from the National Crime Agency

The National Crime Agency's CEOP Education team aim to help protect children and young people from online child sexual abuse.

We do this through our education programme, providing training, resources and information to professionals working with children, young people and their families.

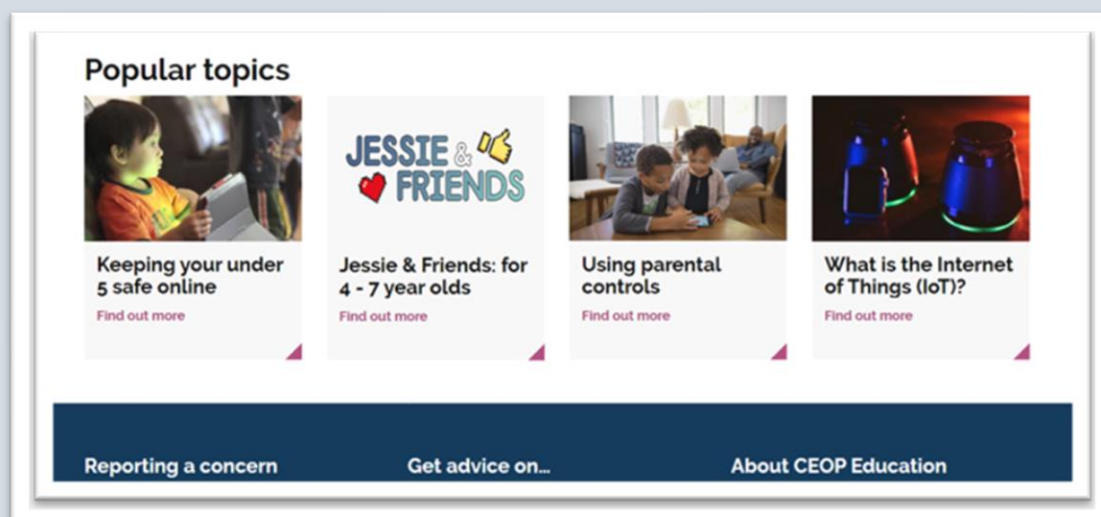
I am:

- A professional working with children and young people
- A parent or carer
- 4-7 years old
- 8-10 years old
- 11-18 years old

If you go to the website and click on the relevant box... there is useful information:

- ❖ I am concerned about a child
  - ❖ I'd like information on keeping my child safe
  - ❖ The Dark Web explained
- ...to name a few.

There are good videos on here too for you and your children to watch together, and advice on parental controls



**Popular topics**

- Keeping your under 5 safe online**  
Find out more
- JESSIE & FRIENDS**  
Jessie & Friends: for 4 - 7 year olds  
Find out more
- Using parental controls**  
Find out more
- What is the Internet of Things (IoT)?**  
Find out more

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Thank you for sharing your stories & photos on the Village WhatsApp with us...

...your amazing animal photos



...milestones



...Love, arts & fun!

