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ClayArt Café to support children who have a terminally ill parent

On Sunday 13th July children and their families will be getting creative at ClayArt Café on the Barbican! Jeremiah's Journey run a project called Stepping Stones; it is for children and young people who have a terminally ill parent. Currently there are nearly 20 group members with many more families supported on an individual basis.

The group meet every other week at Plymouth College of Art during the term time; they take part in a number of creative activities from photography, animation and textiles. The group allows space to chat, share stories and just have fun away from the stresses and difficulties at home.

As the College closes for the summer it felt incredibly important to continue running a programme of activities for the children and young people. Holiday time can be very hard as the day to day routine of school and seeing friends isn't there...

This summer our group will be kept busy with a programme of events starting with some fun at ClayArt Café. Parents do not attend the bi-weekly groups, but it felt important to give the families a chance to make some happy memories together, they will be able to paint and decorate a selection of items and once fired, they'll be able to treasure them forever. In uncertain and difficult times we hope this special time will provide happy memories.

Kim Higham, Stepping Stones Project Coordinator said "We are so delighted that ClayArt is offering families a fabulous opportunity to spend fun time together. Having a session at ClayArt will give us an opportunity for families to spend some

precious time together, building happy memories whilst taking home a special piece of pottery that they have decorated together.”

To find out more about Jeremiah’s Journey and our Stepping Stones group please visit: www.jeremiahsjourney.org.uk or to get in touch with our team please call 01752 424348.

Dates for Your Diary

17 th July	The Big Noise Chorus Sun’s Out Sing Up	Mutley Baptist Church
27 th Sept	Photo Marathon	Plymouth
28 th Sept	Superhero Skydive	Dunkeswell Airfield
Sat 11 th October	Moulin Rouge Ball	The Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth
2 nd November	Plymouth Get Up & Go 10k Road Race	The Hoe, Plymouth
December	Christmas Fayre	TBC

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Notes for Editors:

1, Jeremiah’s Journey was founded in 1996

2, Jeremiah’s Journey supports approx. 220 bereaved children and their families in Plymouth and the immediate surrounding area each year.

3, The children who use our service have experienced the death of someone special, the majority of our children have lost a parent.

4, We support families who have been bereaved through a variety of circumstances including long term illness and sudden and often traumatic events e.g. road traffic accidents and suicide. The main part of the support that we offer is through a short term therapeutic group programme which we run

in partnership with Plymouth College of Art. This means that we are able to offer a safe space for children to: express their feelings of grief; share their memories of their deceased loved one; and explore ways of coping.

5, With the support of Comic Relief, we have been able to develop a new project called Stepping Stones, which provides support to young people who have a parent with a terminal illness.

6, As a local self-funded charity we want to be able to continue to offer support to those children and their families that need it. This can only be achieved with the generous support of our local community.

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