

18 November 2016

Festive fun afternoon for families

Date: 30 November 2016

Time: 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Cost: FREE

Later this month, the access and learning team at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford will be collaborating once again with students from City of Wolverhampton College, to bring some FREE festive fun to the museum for young families.

On Wednesday 30 November, visitors are invited to take part in a range of Christmas craft activities organised by students from the college, aimed at pre-school youngsters. Activities on offer will include making reindeer food, decorating Christmas cards, creating paper snowflakes and cotton wool snowmen; plus, there will be the chance to dress up as a pilot or member of airline cabin crew!

The activities have been organised by students studying for a range of early years qualifications at the college's Wellington Road campus, to promote the benefit of play on learning and development to parents, and to test the planning, organisational and team work skills they are learning on their course.

In addition to the festive fun on offer, families can also utilise the Little Swifts activity area which includes a range of early learning activities suitable for babies and toddlers. A baby pod with soft toys, small interactive helicopter and aeroplane, mini cockpits, flying themed books, a world map rug, rocket wooden toys, an activity table and even some comfy seating for parents and carers to use whilst the youngsters are having fun; all available to use free of charge.

Families can also tuck-in to some healthy fruity snacks provided by the museum's local Tesco store in Madeley, Telford who continue to offer support to the museum's activities and provisions for young families. Recently the store donated a range of baby items which included nappies, nappy bags and baby wipes. These items are now available on request; should parents forget any of the essentials, simply speak with a member of staff who will provide you with the sought after item so you can continue to enjoy your day.

RAF Museum Cosford Access and Learning Manager, Julie Brierley said:

"The family fun day is all about aiding children's learning and development whilst having fun and getting into the Christmas spirit. We hope local families will join us on the day and enjoy some stress-free festive fun in the build up to Christmas."

With parent and child parking bays, baby changing facilities in each hangar, wide isles for pushchairs and FREE entry, the RAF Museum Cosford makes the perfect choice for a day out with the little ones.

The event runs from 12.30pm to 2.30pm and all parents or carers with children under the age of five are welcome to attend. To register for the free event email the RAF Museum Cosford access and learning team on learning-cosford@rafmuseum.org or call **01902 376243**.

For further information about the museum, please visit www.rafmuseum.org/cosford. The museum is open daily from 10am until 4pm and entry to the museum is FREE of charge.

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