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Fledglings Helpline
0845 458 1124



Swift e-News

Fledglings is a national charity which supports parents and carers of children with special needs by finding affordable solutions to everyday practical problems. We offer a free of charge bespoke information service which addresses individual needs of each child and family.

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Dear Mike



Last year Fledglings celebrated its 10th birthday - 4 years testing out an idea, talking to families about their needs, and seeking out and assessing products to meet those needs; then 3 more years looking for grants to produce newsletters, to employ some part-time staff and to help families living in many varied locations to easily obtain essential items via a mail order service. The last 3 years saw a move from my home to our current offices in Wenden Court and a Big Lottery grant to help further with a new staff member, a new website, a 3rd issue of our product brochure and the introduction of our monthly e-Newsletter. This month we registered our **10,000th** customer and reached the semi-finals of the National Lottery Awards Best Charity/Voluntary Project category.

But increased growth = increased costs. Good publicity = increased funding.

PLEASE HELP KEEP FLEDGLINGS FLYING!
VOTE NOW TO ENSURE FLEDGLINGS REACHES THE FINAL
(see below)

Thank YOU

Ruth Lingard Executive Director

P.S. Twin doves emerged from the nest on my house wall 2 weeks ago - our very own fledglings! Here they are the day before they flew!



National Lottery Awards - Best Voluntary/Charity Project



Please vote for us by going to the website:

www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards

or call 0844 686 6754

closing date for votes midday **10th July**

Doidy Cup

Product of the month



The Doidy cup is one of our popular feeding products. The angled side allows the child to anticipate when the drink will reach the mouth which helps to achieve independent drinking.

Our normal stock of colours for this product are Pink, Blue and White but at present we have a limited stock of Pink sparkle, Purple sparkle, Green sparkle, and plain red. When ordering please state your colour preference and second choice if possible.

Doidy Cup ED0002 £3.50 + p&p

Clearance Sale

Fledglings has a number discontinued items, which we need to sell to make way for new stock. Keep an eye out in future Swift e-news for more of these bargains.

Lacing Block SD0109 was £3.95 Sale price £2.00 + p&p

This is a first threading tool, beautifully crafted in wood with round edges. The smooth wooden 'needle' to which a lace is attached is easy to hold and to manipulate through the block. Good for hand/eye co-ordination and fine motor skills. N.B. Children should always be supervised when using this toy because it has a long lace.



Glass Cabinet Lock Sale price £1.00 + p&p

An easy to install lock designed to adhere to glass fronted cupboards such as video, music centre or display cabinets.



Drawer Locks Sale price £1.00 + p&p

The drawer lock helps to prevent children from opening cupboards and drawers and also has a clever feature that prevents cupboard or drawer from shutting onto little fingers.

Multi-Purpose Latch Sale price £1.00 + p&p

The design of this lock makes it suitable for any item with a curved or irregular surface. The sticky fixing pads will adhere to

wood, glass, metal, plastic etc.



Microwave and Oven Lock SD0103 Sale price £1.00 + p&p

This simple heat resistant plastic device deters children from opening an oven or microwave.



**Star Links was £6.50
Sale Price £3.00 + p&p**

This box of primary coloured shapes is very useful for teaching colour, shape and sequencing. It is also useful for developing hand-eye co-ordination and helps to improve dexterity as the chunky pieces can be easily fitted together.



Small Fleece Poncho (red only) ZW0100 Sale price £10.00 + p&p

We have a few of these good quality red polar fleece ponchos for sale at a greatly reduced price. They have a hood and pocket with a short back which makes it easy to pop on and off when traveling in car seats or buggies/wheelchair. This small size is suitable for age 2 to 5 years.

Holiday Insurance

When travelling abroad with children with pre existing medical conditions it can be difficult to find suitable travel insurance. Fledglings has found two companies that specialise in this field who might be able to help. Please mention Fledglings if you contact them.



Freedom Insurance Services Limited

www.freedominsure.co.uk

or call them on 01233 454 290



MIA

call them on 01268 782745

Can you help?



Wanted

Two families have been in touch looking for a secondhand trike. One family particularly needs an adult sized trike and the other needs one suitable for a smaller child.

If you have a trike in good condition that you wish to resell please contact us and we will put you in touch with the family concerned.

Cot Canopy Special Offer

During these light summer nights many babies and young children who have problems sleeping will be helped by this canopy, which provides a dark but cool environment conducive to a good night's sleep. It is particularly useful when traveling if a child shares a bedroom with parents or siblings or if they regularly sleep in several locations, as it gives consistency. It has the added advantage of protecting the child from insects. It will fit over any cot up to 130cm long by 75cm wide by 110cm high.

On offer to Fledglings' customers at the greatly reduced price of £99.99 reduced by £30 from the RRP of £129.99 with free postage and packing.

To take advantage of this offer visit their website at:

www.contentandcalm.com

and when ordering enter *Buy Now* and then the promotional code: **Fledglings** to access your discount



Fledglings relies heavily on donations and grants for the income we need to continue our work. We're extremely grateful for all the help we receive. The money is all put to good use helping children and families.

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