



Woodthorpe Pre-school Playgroup

Newsletter April 2014

Welcome back to a new term at playgroup!. To those of you whose children are just starting, we hope the settling-in process goes smoothly. You are welcome to stay with your child to help them during this transition.

We would like to give a HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in the sponsored Easter Egg Hunt. The children had fun hunting and so far we have raised over £100!. We plan to spend the money on some new outdoors equipment and a medicine cabinet (a bit boring, but necessary).

Are you looking to de-clutter? If you are, please consider passing your unwanted items onto us. We really need more small wellies (size 4 or 5 - if your child is this size it would help if you could provide them with a pair) and a few items (not a bin bag full!) of girl's clothing eg socks and trousers. We're also on the look-out for some decking off-cuts to use in our outdoor play.

Did you know ...

You can pay your playgroup fees using your employer's childcare voucher scheme. Ask at work to find out about it.

Travelling Tom

He's been on holiday, to a birthday party and next month he's going to the hospital for a hearing test. The children love taking Tom out and about and he's a great conversation starter. Feel free to book him for anything, however mundane.

All About Me books

All About Me books are little scrap books which contain pictures of family members, favourite TV characters and toys etc. We would like each of our children to have one of these to keep in playgroup. These would stimulate conversation, helping our staff to get to know your child better, and perhaps provide some comfort if a child is upset. You can make one of these yourself (we have blanks for you to take home) or you can email us photographs etc and we can print them and put it together. Don't forget to include the names of the people in the photographs. We don't want to call Grandma Nana by mistake! If you'd like to see an example, just ask Gill.

Meet the Committee

As a charity, playgroup is run by a voluntary management committee. Anyone can join (subject to a criminal records check) and get more involved in playgroup life. It's a great way to meet new people (our meetings are often held in the Dick Turpin) and it's a good opportunity to learn new skills. The Chair is Rebecca Scurr, the Treasurer is Joanna Hauge and the Secretary is Chrissy Hunt. Val Roddis and Meg Stephenson are also part of the team. We've all got a child at playgroup so you'll see us around. If you have any queries about anything, just ask one of us.

This term we will be getting wet, muddy and covered in gloop. Please dress your child in old, weather-appropriate clothes and bring some spare!

We will be closed on Thursday 22nd May for Polling.