



# Woodthorpe Pre-school Playgroup

## Newsletter December 2014

Hello all.

Can you believe Christmas is nearly here? We hope you've enjoyed this term at playgroup as much as we have. We've been busy getting to know all the new children and helping them settle in. We've also just had the Christmas party. It was a great success and we'd like to thank Rebecca, our Chair, for organising it.

### The stork is coming

You may have noticed that Kirsty is expecting a baby. It's due in February so she's starting her maternity leave after Christmas. I'm sure you'll join us in wishing her well.

### A few reminders

Please remember:

- To shut the playground gates so children can't escape!
- To ring or text Gill on 07749 247451 if your child is absent.
- Playgroup is a nut-free environment because one of our children has a potentially life-threatening multiple nut allergy. Please don't bring any in.

### Did you know ...

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

### Outdoors

We've all been making good use of our enhanced outdoor area. Thanks to last year's fundraising and Zoe's and Lesley's hard work, we now have a mud kitchen, a playhouse and a picnic table.

### Hidden Talents

Can you play an instrument? Do you have any other talents? If you do, please come and show the children!

### Help needed

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. We really need a few more parents (or Grandparents/Aunties - anyone really!) to help us with things like fundraising, advertising, writing newsletters .... 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. If you're trying to start work it's also a good way to get yourself a reference. It won't necessarily involve much of your time - the more of us there are, the less there is for each of us to do. If you're interested, please contact Rebecca Scurr (Chair) or Joanna Hauge (Treasurer) at [woodthorpeplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:woodthorpeplaygroup@gmail.com). Remember, without a committee, playgroup can't operate.

Here at Playgroup we encourage children to get stuck in. They will get wet, muddy and covered in gloop. Please dress your child in old, weather-appropriate clothes and bring wellies and some spare clothes! Please label everything.

Our last day is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. We start back on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.