



Woodthorpe Pre-school Playgroup

Newsletter July 2014

Hello again. For some of you this will be your last term at playgroup. Don't forget though that if you're moving on to the school nursery you can still come to lunch club and playgroup.

Have you seen our Mud Kitchen? The children have been having great fun cooking and baking mud pies. Remember to dress your child in old, weather-appropriate clothes and bring some spare!

Comings and goings...

Unfortunately, this term we've said farewell to Eileen as she has decided to swap childcare for gardening. I'm sure you'll join us in wishing her all the best for the future.

On the up-side, we've been lucky to find a fabulous replacement for Eileen. She's called Vicky Wood and she's fully qualified, has lots of experience and is great with kids. She'll be starting as soon as all the police checks and paperwork have been completed.

All About Me books and Travelling Tom

'All About Me' books are little scrap books which contain pictures of family members, favourite TV characters and toys etc. Travelling Tom is playgroup's teddy bear. You can take him home with you for a visit. We would like each of our children to have a turn taking Tom home and have an 'all about me' book. For more information, speak to your key person.

Thank you to everyone who filled in a parent survey. They're really useful for us to help improve our provision (and OFSTED like things like that ☺). The responses have been overwhelmingly positive but they have highlighted that virtually no-one knows who the committee are. We are trying to address this problem.

Did you know ...

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

Changes

From September, we will also be open on Wednesday afternoons. To help meet our costs, the price of our sessions is rising from £7.50 to £8.00. We are still cheaper than other local pre-schools. Lunch club is staying at £1.50.

We were lucky

this term to have a visit from a farm. We met a calf, lambs, a pig, rabbits, ducks and chickens. It was a great experience for all and we would like to thank those of you who made a financial contribution.



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. 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. Recent recruits are Helen Franks and Kay Smith. If you have any queries about anything, just ask.

Our last day is Friday 18th July. We're back on Wednesday 3rd September. Have a nice holiday!