

The Bugle



Our Communication

After a long discussion regarding our communication it was agreed that we would concentrate on developing our website instead of re-launching the Facebook page.

We agreed that we could promote the website more and encourage parents to use it as a way of finding out the information they require. Updating the web page is an ongoing process with our aim to positively promote the work and projects taking place within Pre School. There is now a blog on the website which will be updated on a regular basis with pictures and information about what the children have been doing

We will continue to use email, text messages and The Bugle newsletter to communicate key information to parents and families.



Tin Hut Tots

The committee wanted to note and say thank you to Kim and Karla for running the Tin Hut Tots sessions over the past year. The committee agreed that Helen Hunt would take over the management and it will have new timings (2pm – 3.30pm).

There will be a review of THT at Easter to look at costs and attendance. There will also be additional publicity to notify people of the change of time and to try and attract more families.

If you know of anyone with children below school age please encourage them to come along. The groups costs £2 per family and includes play time, story time and a snack (including a hot drink for parents!).



Building Works



The committee thanked Steve, Charlotte and Liz for progressing the important maintenance work and improvements at both sites.

Completed Jobs so far:

Windows and Doors have been fitted at WR
Insulation at TH

Smoke Alarm fixed at Tin Hut



To complete:

Looking at insulation at WR
Fascias at TH to be replaced
Curtains to be replaced
Curtain poles to be fitted
Look at radiators and water heaters at WR

There are many other building alterations that both sites would benefit from, as we are hoping to apply for a lottery grant, the improvements can be added to the application form.

Improvements include, insulation, sun canopy, fascias, painting at TH and potentially solar panels at WR.

We're planning a working party day on Wednesday 1st April at the Tin Hut for some maintenance work. It would be great if you could spare a couple of hours to help (you don't need to volunteer for the whole day). Please pop the date in your diary.

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Special points of interest:

Absences
Please ensure you notify staff of absences due to holiday or sickness.

Thank you!

Please make sure all your child's belongings are named.

Contact details:

Tin Hut: 01629 583639

Woolley Road:
07789737417

Liz Neil:
Please use in holiday time to contact pre-school or for general enquiries
07792 353802

E-mail :
matlockpreschool@gmail.com

Website:
www.matlockpreschoolplaygroup.yolasite.com

Looking ahead

Fundraising



We would like to thank you all for your help, thanks to you we have been able to do the building works and are looking to future plans.

We raised:
£190 from the Christmas card sales
£61.60 from Starlight clothing donations
£490 from the Navy.

THANK YOU

We wish to express our deepest condolences to Mrs Marchant upon the passing of her husband and extend our sincere gratitude to her for the thoughtful and generous donation of £387.20.

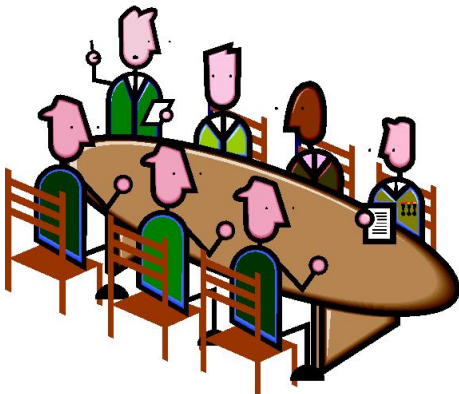
We have decided to use the donation to provide a thinking area, with a bench and plants in the garden at both sites. We will be placing a commemorative plaque, on each bench, in memory of Mr Marchant.

Committee News

We held a special meeting to discuss our constitution where everyone was invited to attend. It was agreed unanimously to adopt the more modern and up to date standard Pre-School Alliance Constitution. The Constitution is available for anyone to read, just contact us.

New members are always welcome. We are a friendly group and you are very welcome to come along to a meeting to see what it's all about. Or please get in touch by email if you'd like to find out more.

The next full committee meeting is being held at Woolley Road on Wednesday 25th February at 7:30pm



Picking up times

We'd like to ask everyone to please make sure children are collected on time. We know the snow made it difficult on a few occasions last month but many of our staff also need to leave on time to collect children too. Thank you.

Pamper evening

We are hoping to run a pamper evening around Easter time (date TBC). It will be an opportunity for parents to get together and sample some beauty treatments/products. We are also hoping to raise some funds for our planned building improvements.



Dates for your diary

Both sites will no longer have any inset days so the term dates will follow Derbyshire County Council. If any dates change we will let you know

- 27/03/2015: Pre-school Closes
- 01/04/2015: Working Party at Tin Hut
- 13/04/2015: Pre-school Opens
- 04/05/2015: Pre-school Closes (Bank Holiday)
- 22/05/2015: Pre-school Closes
- 01/06/2015: Pre-school Opens
- 17/07/2015: Pre-school Closes

Things to watch out for

Head Lice:
<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Chicken Pox:
<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/pages/introduction.aspx>

Scarlet Fever:
<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/pages/introduction.aspx>

Please contact the Staff if you have any questions or if your child is ill.