

The Bugle



Ofsted Reports

We are very proud that Ofsted has awarded a 'good' rating to both the Tin Hut and Woolley Road sites. We want to thank all the staff, volunteers, children and families for helping us to achieve this.

Here are some of the highlights from our reports (the full reports can be found on our website).

Tin Hut

A welcoming environment where staff are attentive and offer praise and encouragement. Staff promote children's well-being therefore, children are confident and motivated to learn.

Well-qualified staff plan a wide range of activities. They assess progression so that activities cover all areas of learning and are focused on children's interests and next steps.

The manager has built a strong team who are enthusiastic and committed to improvement. She works with schools to ensure children are prepared for the next stage in their learning.

Woolley Road

The pre-school benefits from the guidance of a strong and visionary manager who leads with drive and enthusiasm. She is dedicated to the preschool's continuous improvement.

The quality of teaching is consistently good and at times outstanding. The well-qualified staff understand how children learn and get to know them well. They confidently plan activities and provide support and challenges that are matched to children's individual needs.

The pre-school has a well resourced and thoughtfully laid out learning space, both indoors and outside. Children move around confidently and happily choose from the activities and resources available to them. At both sites children with additional needs are supported effectively in their learning and development.

Next steps

We have already put in place the recommendations for improvement – to continue to develop our relationship with parents, use all opportunities to enhance children's thinking skills and strengthen staff development.



Tin Hut Tots

Tin Hut Tots
At
Matlock Preschool Playgroup

Do you have a pre-schooler & are you looking for something exciting to do on Monday afternoons?

Monday 1.30-3pm
(during term time)
At the Tin Hut site of the Matlock Preschool Playgroup
205 Smedley Street, run by Helen Hunt supervisor from Pre-School Playgroup
£2 per family

Offering crafts, songs and indoor/outdoor playtime (weather dependant) including refreshments

For more information please contact us on 01629 583639

Matlock Pre-school
Playgroup Association
Registered charity No.

512263

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Special points of interest:

Snow Closure:
If either of our sites close due to difficult weather conditions you will be notified by text and e-mail. Please make sure the details we have for you are the most up to date.

Parking:
PLEASE do not park on the white lines or block peoples drives, it is for your childrens safety!

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

Please let us know if there are any changes to their details.

E-mail :
matlockpreschool@gmail.com

Website:
www.matlockpreschoolplaygroup.yolasite.com

Building Work

Due to the particular nature of the roof at the Woolley Road site, the committee decided to not go ahead with installing solar panels at the site and noted that they would not be suitable for the Tin Hut site as it does not face the right way.

The insulated suspended ceiling at Woolley Road has been delayed until the builder has met with a structural engineer to determine the appropriate way forward.

Quotes are being submitted for the improvements to the toilet facilities at Woolley Road. On receipt of these, the work can be discussed further.

Quotes have also been received for the painting to the exterior of the Tin Hut.

The committee discussed the possibility of carrying out the painting of the Tin Hut themselves with the help of parents, this is to be looked into further to determine if it is a viable option.

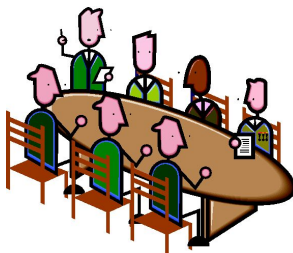


Drop off and pick up

There have been a growing number of cases where children are being dropped off late and collected early from sessions. Please try to ensure that the children are dropped off on time as it disrupts the start of the session for the other children. It also causes issues with funding as we are not allowed to claim funding while your children are not attending.

Next Committee Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd March at 7:30pm at Woolley Road



Whats been happening?

Woolley road

Cassie, Helen, Tracey and Liz have been asking you to drop your children off at the double doors leading in to playgroup. We have decided to continue to do this as the children have been more settled at the start of the sessions. They now independently take their own coats off, put their slippers on and self-register. Mr Page is still running the gardening club on Thursday afternoons, however when the ground is unsuitable he is exploring sound, magnetism and electricity with the children.

Tin Hut

Katy, Jo and Liz will be encouraging the children to explore using their senses through the development of an indoor tactile play area. We will be supporting children's responses to different textures and introducing vocabulary so they can talk about their observations and experiences e.g. 'smooth', 'shiny', 'rough', 'prickly', 'flat', 'jagged', 'bumpy', 'soft', 'and hard.

We are starting to collect role play shop resources for next half term. If you have any relevant resources that we can use please speak to a member of staff.

Mr. Dean has now made a mud kitchen for each site please visit our website blog to look at the photographs.

Please look at www.matlockpreschoolplaygroup.yolasite.com for full details of our planning.

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

12/02/2016: Pre-School Closes

22/02/2016: Pre-School Opens

25/03/2016: Pre-school Closes

11/04/2016: Pre-School Opens

27/05/2016: Pre-School Closes

06/07/2016: Pre-School Opens

15/07/2016: Pre-School Closes

Things to watch out for

To enable us to protect children who have nut allergies please could we ask parents not to bring in any food treats (such as for birthdays) unless they have checked the ingredients carefully.

Packaging must be checked for:

- Not suitable for nut allergy sufferers
- This product contains nuts

If your child has any products which contain nuts in their lunch box, please let staff know so that they can take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of all the children in the setting.

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