



# The Bugle



## Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome back all our lovely children, along with new starters and new parents! We hope you all enjoy the year ahead.

A special welcome to our new member of staff, Helen Hunt, as well! She is working every morning at the Tin Hut.

### Some 'Housekeeping' Issues...

\*It is crucial that all your child's belongings are named. It's easy to forget when you buy new items for your child, so now they're settling in, please take time to check that everything is named!

\*To ensure we receive our funding, it is important that you notify staff of absences, whether they are due to illness or holiday.

\*Please do check your child's green folder regularly, and empty it.

T\*here are parent/carer noticeboards at each site. At Woolley Road it is in

## Committee News

Our pre-school is committee-run, and without a committee we wouldn't be able to function. All parents/carers are welcome at committee meetings, so if you want to know more about the pre-school, or want to be involved in the running of it, please do join us on Tuesday 6th November at 7.30 at Woolley Road.

In July a number of officers retired, and we want to thank them all for their dedication, sense of humour and enthusiasm in working to make the pre-school better and better. A special mention must be made of Natasha Hubbard, who has stepped down from the role of Chairperson after a number of years—thanks for all your commitment.

Welcome to all the new committee members,

the lobby, and it is above the coat pegs at the Tin Hut.

\*We also have a website, [www.matlockpreschool.co.uk](http://www.matlockpreschool.co.uk)

\*If your child wears wellies to play-group, please also send shoes to change into.



Mrs Neil enjoyed the summer trip—and so did the children!

who are already busy planning and looking ahead.

Current roles within the committee are:

Chairperson: Karla Mellor

Secretary: Samantha Barton

Treasurer: Emily Kay

Publicity Officer: Kath Linehan

Bugle Editor: Abigail Watkins

Fundraiser 1: Barbara Davenport

Fundraiser 2: Carly Shawe

If you are unable to make the committee meeting, and have a burning issue, or a wonderful idea, please do share them with us at the gate!

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### Special points of interest:

- ☺ We will be holding parent consultations soon. A member of staff will speak to you about a suitable time for an appointment shortly.
- ☺ We will be using the children's artwork to produce a great Christmas gift for you to purchase for friends and family soon—look out for further information.

### Contact details:

- ☺ Tin Hut: 01629 583639
- ☺ Woolley Road: (emergency only) 07789 737417
- ☺ Woolley Road: (Liz Neil—please use in holiday time to contact pre-school or for general enquiries) 07792 353802
- ☺ E-mail: [matlockpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:matlockpreschool@gmail.com)
- ☺ Website: [www.matlockpreschool.co.uk](http://www.matlockpreschool.co.uk)

# Tiny Tots and more...

## Bright Owls

Our very own toddler group runs on Mondays in term-time from 1.30–3.00 at the Tin Hut.

Activities are organized by a member of staff, and pre-school children have access to all our wonderful toys and games, including the fabulous garden

with its fort, when the weather allows! There are songs, crafts, and refreshments are provided



Encourage your little one's preschool skills at our Bright Owls Toddler Group

for children (and grown-ups). The cost is only £2 per family. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Going Paperless...

If you have received a paper copy of the Bugle this time, please let us have your e-mail address so that we can send it to you next time—saving playgroup money and time, and allowing you

to enjoy it in full colour! If your child has another parent

who requires their own copy, we are happy to send to more than one e-mail address.

## Funding for 2 year olds

Some two year-olds are now eligible for government funded places. Please speak to Mrs Neil if you wish to find out more.

## Snow Business

As we begin to head into the part of the year when the white stuff is possible, please check the website for any snow closures. Closures are also announced on Radio Derby (104.5, 95.3 and 96 FM).

# Dates for your diary

Please note, due to our need to provide a given number of sessions each year, we sometimes need to open on school INSET days. These are marked in red!

- Monday 8th October—closed for INSET day
- Wednesday 24th October—Rags R Us
- Friday 26th October—Pre-school closes
- Monday 5th November—Pre-school opens
- Tuesday 6th November—7.30 at Woolley Road, Committee meeting
- Friday 21st December—Pre-school closes
- Monday 7th January—Pre-school opens
- Friday 15th February- Pre-school closes
- 25th February—Pre-school is open on this day
- 26th March- Pre-school closes
- Monday 15th April—Pre-school opens
- Monday 6th May—Pre-school is closed for May Day Bank Holiday
- Friday 24th May—Pre-school closes
- Monday 3rd June—Pre-school opens
- 3rd June-Pre-school is open on this day
- 28th June—Pre-school is open on this day

