



Our termly plan, which shows what the children will be learning, is on our website:

<http://www.matlockpreschoolplaygroup.yolasite.com/learning-and-development.php>

For example this term at the Tin Hut we are looking at **health and self care**. We are:

- ☺ Creating a display of healthy foods that the children like to eat celebrating individual difference and diversity.
- ☺ Creating a self-care area in the home corner.
- ☺ Reading stories about using the toilet/ potty and encouraging children to use/sit on a potty/toilet.
- ☺ Encouraging children to help with putting on and taking off their coats and slippers.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CHILD'S ACCOMPLISHMENT WITH US—PICK UP A LEAF FROM PRE-SCHOOL, JOT DOWN THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND POP IT IN THEIR GREEN FOLDER.



Thank you to everyone who responded to our questionnaire on fundraising and communication.

All together we received 13 responses, mostly addressing our communication of the children's progress, and information for new starters; in response we have upgraded our starter pack, and created new leaflets to send close to the new child's start day.

We currently hold a parents evening twice a year, but we also provide a progress update each term to give parents a chance to look at their child's folder and discuss current learning topics.

We aim to keep the website up-to-date (www.matlockpreschoolplaygroup.yolasite.com) with things such as the current learning framework, the children's development stages, as well as lots of photos and news feeds in the online blog. We also use the bulletin boards outside the buildings to highlight any important information or current events, like fundraising tallies or nativity details, and don't forget to keep checking the green bags for further information on events, like Christmas party invites!

Finally, you have voted for our continual fundraising to be used for outdoor learning equipment & a new covered sandpit at Woolley Road, and sensory gardens & technology equipment at both sites.

If your child was born between 01/09/2012 and 31/08/2013 you must apply by midnight on 15/01/2017 to get them a place at primary school. Apply online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions or call 01629 537479.

We have given a few leaflets about applying which will be on the parents table.

Please note that Playgroup has no influence or further information about applying and cannot apply on your behalf.

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Special points of interest:

Parking:
PLEASE do not park on the white lines or block peoples drives, it is for your children's 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 your details.

E-mail :
matlockpreschool@gmail.com

Website:
www.matlockpreschoolplaygroup.yolasite.com

Apply for a primary or infant school place



FUNDRAISING



YOU can help raise donations for us without even leaving your sofa. And it doesn't cost you a penny! The Giving Machine is a fundraising organisation designed to help charitable causes raise money online. By signing up and shopping online via [The Giving Machine](https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) you will generate a free cash donation for Matlock Pre-school Playgroup Association. With all your favourite retailers, including Amazon, Ebay, M&S, NEXT, Tesco, Sainsbury, John Lewis and Ocado, you are bound to find what you need and generate a donation.

To sign up FAST, follow this link NOW:
<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/matlock-pre-school-playgroup-association/support/>

Sign up BEFORE you Christmas shop!



Also, please use the following link to nominate Matlock Pre-school Playgroup Association for Nationwide's support:

<https://your.nationwide.co.uk/your-society/get-involved/nominate-a-charity/pages/nominate-a-charity-home.aspx>



We are grateful to the families who donated bags of clothing to the Starlight collection in October. It raised £14 for Starlight and £58 for Pre-school. This money will go towards outdoor learning equipment & a new covered sandpit at Woolley Road, and sensory gardens & technology equipment at both sites.



Brrrrr... we want the children outside as much as possible so don't forget to send them to playgroup with waterproof footwear, a warm winter coat, hat and mittens (gloves take far too long to put on at 5 minutes per finger!)

Also, please label your child's clothes and bags to avoid mix ups.

Thank you



Events

Dates	Event
Wed 7 th Dec	Nativity at All Saints' Church 10am (pre-nativity fun 9am in the Church Hall)
Thurs 15 th Dec	Pre-school closes (TH)
Fri 16 th Dec	Christmas parties * (TH-am / WR-pm, invites to follow)
Fri 16 th Dec	Pre-school closes (WR)
Tues 3 rd Jan	Pre-school opens
Wed 18 th Jan	Committee meeting at Woolley Road (all welcome) 7-9pm
Date TBC	TH open morning
Fri 10 th Feb	Pre-school closes
Mon 20 th Feb	Pre-school opens
Feb/March TBC	Committee meeting (maintenance session beforehand)
Fri 7 th Apr	Pre-school closes
Mon 24 th Apr	Pre-school opens
April/May TBC	Committee meeting
15 th May	Starlight charity clothing collection
Date TBC	Spring fair '50 years' celebration
Date TBC	Individual and class photos
Fri 26 th May	Pre-school closes
Mon 5 th Jun	Pre-school opens
June TBC	Committee meeting
Date TBC	Summer trip
Fri 14 th Jul	Pre-school closes

* Please note TH breaks up a day earlier than WR. The Christmas party is an optional additional shorter session on Friday 16th December.



Thank you to everyone who has helped with maintenance—the willow den and fences at the Tin Hut are looking brilliant, as are the decorated toilets at Woolley Road along with the fixed climbing frame and tidy outdoor areas.

