



The Bugle



Welcome!

A huge welcome to you whether you are a familiar face, or a new parent or child. We are looking forward to the year ahead with you all! We are delighted to welcome new staff too—Cassie Else is covering Helen Hunt's maternity leave, Jo Wayne is now a session assistant and Tracey Morton has recently joined us. Please get to know the staff—they are always happy to talk to parents and are keen to help you and your child settle easily into the playgroup routines.

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 ab-

sences, whether they are due to illness or holiday.

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

*We also have a website, www.matlockpreschool.co.uk, and you can receive updates on facebook .

*If your child wears wellies to playgroup, please also send shoes to change into.



The new outdoor play area at Woolley Road

Committee News

We were delighted to sign in some new committee members at the AGM in September. Their enthusiasm and bright ideas will help the pre-school to keep moving forward.

We love to hear your opinions and to take your ideas on board, so if you want to be involved, please come along to our next committee meeting on Wednesday 2nd October at 7.30 at Woolley Road.

Here are our current committee

members:

Chairperson: Karla Mellor

Secretary: Anne Askew

Website Coordinator: Richard Harris

Treasurer: Ben Fairey

Publicity Officer: Alison Manning

Fundraisers: Kim Carnell, Emma Holt and Karen Rogers

Watch out for information about the fundraisers we have planned!

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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.

Contact details:

☺ Tin Hut: 01629 583639

☺ Woolley Road:
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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

☺ Website:
www.matlockpreschool.co.uk

Tiny Tots and more...

Bright Owls

Our very own toddler group runs on Mondays in term-time from 1.00–2.30 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!

Reaping the benefits

Following a successful year of fundraising, we thought you might like to know where your contributions have been spent. The Tin Hut has had an interior repaint, new heating and new front

and back doors, which are also helping to keep our energy us-

age down! The success of the Summer Fayre allowed us to install a brand new outdoor play area at Woolley Road, featuring a soft surface and no-mow grass, which we're delighted with.

Snow Business

As we begin to head into the part of the year when the white stuff is possible, please check the website and facebook 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!

Wednesday 2nd October- Committee meeting, 7.30 pm, Woolley Road

Monday 7th October—Inset day

Friday 25th October—Break up for half term

4th November—Back to playgroup!

Thursday 19th December—Break up for Christmas holiday

Friday 20th December—Christmas parties

Monday 6th January—Playgroup reopens

Thursday 13th February—Break up

Friday 14th February—INSET day

Monday 24th February—INSET day

Tuesday 25th February—Playgroup reopens

Friday 11th April- Break up for Easter

Monday 28th April—Playgroup reopens

Friday 23rd May—Break up

Monday 2nd June—Playgroup reopens

Friday 27th June—INSET day

Friday 18th July—Break up for the summer holiday