



# WELCOME & WELCOME BACK

We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and are now ready to start the new school year. The staff at Woolley Road would like to welcome the Tin Hut children and are looking forward to continuing to work with them.

We would also like to say a very big welcome to the new children and their families that are joining us this year.

## General Reminders...

- ☺ Please remember that all children need to come to playgroup with a warm coat as they will continue with outdoor learning and play.
- ☺ Please ensure to label ALL of your child's clothing including your child's slippers. If things get misplaced it helps us to match the item to the child quickly before things get lost or muddled with another child's clothing.
- ☺ Please do not park on the white lines outside Woolley Road, it makes crossing the road very dangerous for other parents and children.
- ☺ Please remember to ring us if your child is going to be absent or late to Pre-school.
- ☺ During the morning the children have access to fruit and water- they choose when to take it. They also receive milk during the day. There is no need to send in a snack or drink for your child.

For the first few weeks in playgroup we will be spending lots of time getting to know each other and doing lots of activities to introduce the children to the different opportunities available in playgroup. We want children to feel stimulated, safe and happy in playgroup and to feel really secure and comfortable with all staff. It is a big step for children to start playgroup and can take time for children to get used to new faces, surroundings and routines. All our staff are very experienced at helping children to settle. It is normal for some children to be distressed but as they get used to the routines and build relationships with staff they quickly settle. We will also be looking at Pre-school rules and routines, the children will be making a 'golden rules' chart together which will encourage;

- ☺ The use of kind words, hands and feet.
- ☺ Looking after our toys and our playgroup.
- ☺ Sharing and taking turns.
- ☺ Good listening.
- ☺ Staying safe.

Every time your child achieves something new it is recorded in their "Learning Journey" in their folder. In the folders your key person will put examples of work, photos and record what the children say.

Our learning plans for the next half term are on our website

[www.matlockpreschoolplaygroup.yolasite.com](http://www.matlockpreschoolplaygroup.yolasite.com)

Please do not hesitate to come and see us either before or after playgroup if you have any questions or queries.

Matlock Pre-School Staff (Katy, Liz, Cass, Tracey and Becky)

## AGM INVITATION

Our playgroup is a Registered Charity and is run by a volunteer parent committee and we invite all our parents/carers to please join our team. Come to our annual general meeting just to see what we do, or donate some time to help as little or as much as you can.

**Thurs 28th Sep 7.30pm Tin Hut**

**Matlock Pre-school  
Playgroup  
Association  
Registered charity  
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**Special points of  
interest:**

Children find it very disruptive if staff have to keep answering the door to late comers. Doors open at:  
**9am for Tin Hut and  
8:50am & 12:20pm for  
Woolley Road**

## Contact details:

Tin Hut: 01629 583639  
Woolley Road:  
07789737417

Katy Taylor:

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 :  
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Website:  
[www.matlockpreschoolplay](http://www.matlockpreschoolplay)



We are a sun safe playgroup  
Please include a NAMED sun hat  
and NAMED bottle of sun cream in  
your children's bags



# IN WITH THE NEW

A huge congratulations to Katy Taylor, after six years with the Playgroup, she has been promoted to Matlock Preschool Manager; Liz will stay on as a supervisor to help support Katy and focus more time on the children. Also starting from September, will be Rebecca Wilson as a temporary Assistant.

Opening Hours; Woolley Road will be opening at the previous Tin Hut hours, so, 2nd year parents... don't change a thing!



## Term Dates



Dates	Event
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Pre-school opens (WR)
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Pre-school opens (TH)
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Pre-school closes
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Pre-school opens
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pre-school closes
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Pre-school opens
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Pre-school closes
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Pre-school opens
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Pre-school closes
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Pre-school opens
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Pre-school closes
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Pre-school opens
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Pre-school closes
Mon 3 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Pre-school opens

## Event Updates



Thanks to all the staff, parents & carers who helped create, make and enjoy two great events. 50 years of our Playgroup was celebrated at Tin Hut Fair with plenty of food and games, whilst the kids got chance to pond dip and do a little woodland craft at Carsington Water. If you haven't already, check out the pictures on our [blog](#).

### Summer Fair

### Summer Trip

