



The Bugle



Fond Farewells!

Marilyn Micallef

Marilyn will be retiring from playgroup at the end of the summer term, after clocking up an impressive 20 years in the job. She has given hundreds of Matlock children a happy start, and has been dedicated in using her expertise to educate our pre-schoolers. We will miss her very much, but wish her all the best as she moves on. Thank you, Marilyn, and good luck!

Events

Torch Relay and Church Walks

To raise funds for Playgroup and Barnardo's we are planning to walk from Playgroup to All Saints Church on Thursday 28th June at 9.00am and on Friday 29th June to Matlock Library to join in with their Olympic Torch Relay Party at 2.00pm.

This year's theme is Superheroes so please feel free to dress up as your favourite superhero or Olympic hero.

Sponsorship forms are on the back of the Big Toddle Big Fun leaflet, please give generously to this good cause.

All children who take part will receive a sticker and a medal. If your child does not attend playgroup for these sessions you are still welcome to join us at the venues. Please be aware that you will be responsible for your child for the whole time.

Moving on to school

Many of our little poppets will be ending their time at playgroup in July and looking ahead to starting school in September. We wish them all the best in their new setting, and will enjoy seeing them in their uniforms!



Face-painting at the Spring Fayre

Playgroup Trip

On our trip this year we will be visiting Chatsworth Farm on Thursday 12th July. The trip is open to all children who attend the Tin Hut or Woolley Road, and pre-school will be closed on that day. We need names of people who are going and payment upfront, and then will meet on the day at 10.15 at the farmyard gate. The cost is £6.25 per child and £4.25 for adults. A one hour barn session for the children is included in the cost. Please bring a packed lunch, and appropriate clothes for the weather. Please see posters or a member of staff for further details.

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Special points of interest:

- © Summer holidays are looming—please check for headlice and treat if necessary!
- © Remember Tin Hut Tots : Mondays from 1.30, £2 per family—come along and join the fun!
- © Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent from playgroup.

Contact details:

- © Tin Hut: **01629 583639**
- © Woolley Road: (emergency only) **07789 737417**
- © Tin Hut/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

Please note the new email and website addresses.

Bits and Pieces

Transition visits

Tin Hut children are invited to visit Woolley Road for three transition visits from 9am -12 am on Friday 22nd June, Wednesday 27th June and Friday 6th July.

Year 2 Production

The children who attend playgroup on 2nd July will be visiting school to enjoy the Year 2's production of 'Joseph' at 1.30. This will not affect pick-up times.

Staff shuffles

Liz Neil and Katy Taylor will be swapping, to work from the other

site in September to improve continuity of provision. This will allow them to get to know children throughout the playgroup, and also to be familiar with both sites and the resources available.

Tin Hut Open Day

Monday 3rd September will be an Open Day for new starters from 10am -12.

Autumn Term dates

Please note that the Tin Hut term starts a day later (on the 4th September) than Woolley Road (3rd September) to allow for the Tin Hut Open Day.

AGM

The AGM will be held on the 11th September at 7.30 at Woolley Road. The next committee meeting will be on the 18th September at 7.30 at Woolley Road. All welcome!

Spring Fayre

The Spring Fayre was a great success and we had lots of positive feedback. All contributions were welcome, and the cake stall was especially well stocked! We raised an impressive £415—thank you for all your support. This money has already gone towards the heating system at Woolley Road.



Children taking part in the fancy-dress contest during the Spring Fayre



Dates for your diary

Friday 22nd June—Transition visit 1—Tin Hut children to Woolley Road, September starters to school.

Wednesday 27th June -Transition visit 2, 9 -12

Thursday 28th June—9.00 Big Toddle to All Saints Church

Friday 29th June—pm Big Toddle to Library for Olympic Torch (2-4pm)

Monday 2nd July - 1.30 pm Year 2 production of Joseph

Friday 6th July—Transition visit 3, 9-12

Thursday 12th July—Summer trip

Friday 20th July—Break up for summer

Monday 3rd September—Open Day at Tin Hut.

Monday 3rd September—Term begins at Woolley Road.

Tuesday 4th September—New term begins at Tin Hut

Tuesday 11th September—AGM, 7.30 at Woolley Road