



The Bugle



Busy Bees

What a lot we're packing in this term!

Rags R Us

Please bring your unwanted clothes to playgroup on the 25th April before 11am—chance for you to spring clean your wardrobe!

Can you help out?

On Thursday 25th April the Woolley Road children are walking down to Hall Leys Park to help launch a smoke-free area in the playground. We will be setting off at 9.30, and are in need of parents to help supervise the walk. Please let us know if you can help!

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be held during the week beginning 29th April, at both sites. Please sign up for an appointment on the sheets provided.

Dental checks

The dentist check ups have been rescheduled for Monday 20th May in the afternoon session. This is for the Woolley Road children only. We don't require any further paperwork from parents; this is for information only.



Putting the fun in fundraising..?

We will be getting together on Tuesday the 21st of May at Woolley Road at 8pm to continue planning the Summer Fair. We are looking for fresh ideas, as well as volunteers who would be able to man stalls, or offer skills that could be

used at a Summer Fair. If you can't afford time to join the committee, can you spare an hour or two to join us in making this event lots of fun for children and parents...and make lots of money for playgroup?

Speaking of which...

The Summer Fair will be on Saturday 15th June. We are raising funds to improve the surfaces at Woolley Road—we would like to install some soft-play floor covering to make the climbing equipment safer, and also some no-mow grass for the children to play on! Please begin to think about tombola prizes and nearly new toys and teddies that you could donate.

Looking ahead

We have booked the Preschool summer trip for Thursday 18th July, to Carsington Water. This was a particularly successful trip, last time we went, and we are looking forward to it already—though we have our fingers crossed for summer to appear by then!



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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Don't forget to follow our twitter feed @matlockpreplay
- ☺ Find us on facebook, if you prefer, for regular updates
- ☺ Bright Owls Toddler group is on Mondays from 1.30 at the Tin Hut. £2 per family—come along and join the fun!
- ☺ Remember to let us know on the **FIRST** day of a child's absence why they aren't attending, otherwise this will affect your funding

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

Getting ready for September

Quiz Night

We were very disappointed to have to postpone Quiz Night due to the snow, but we are hoping that it will give us chance to make it bigger and better! We will rearrange it for the new school year, and hope to use it as a chance for our existing parents to make new parents welcome and feel like part of our playgroup.

Transition

Tin Hut children will soon be bringing home a letter detailing the arrangements for helping them to make the transition to Woolley Road in September. There will be three visits to coincide with the transition visits for Woolley Road children to All Saints; 12th June, 21st June and 5th July. We will also be asking all Tin Hut parents to complete a form to request the sessions they would like at the Woolley Road site. We will endeavor



to give everyone the sessions they would like but it may not always be possible.

The Shape of Things to Come

As you know, we are a committee run playgroup, and as such we are unable to run if we don't have members on the committee. It would be a real disaster for parents, children and staff if the playgroup was unable to continue.

In September, due to children moving on to school, there will be very few committee members left—not enough to legally make a committee. We need parents who are willing to step into the gap. We can assure you that the level of involvement is not as onerous as you might think. Why not come

along to our next committee meeting for a taste, or speak to a member of staff about

what you can offer? For anyone taking up a position, having a hand-over period before summer would be great—please don't let our playgroup down!

This is how things will look in September:

Chair—Karla Mellor

Secretary—Anne Askew

Fundraiser 1—vacancy

Fundraiser 2—vacancy

Treasurer—vacancy (this involves sorting float for the summer fair, and petty cash—the accounts are done by an accountant)

Publicity Officer—vacancy

Web Promotion—vacancy (this involves updating the twitter feed, tweaking the website etc.,)

Carly Shawe is staying on as a Friend of the Playgroup and Abigail Watkins will continue to edit the Bugle as a Friend, but these roles don't count towards our Committee needs. So please get involved—your playgroup needs you!

Dates for your diary

Dates in red differ from the local schools' term dates.

Thursday 25th April—Rags R Us collection from Woolley Road

Thursday 25th April—WR children to Hall Leys Park

Week beginning 29th April—parent consultations

Monday 6th May—Pre-school is closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 20th May—Dentist in at 1.15 pm to see WR children

Tuesday 21st May—8pm at Woolley Road, meeting to organize Summer Fair

Friday 24th May—Pre-school closes

Monday 3rd June—Pre-school opens

Monday 3rd June—Pre-school is open on this day

Saturday 15th June—Summer Fair. More details nearer the time!

Tuesday 25th June—Committee meeting at 8pm, Woolley Road.

Friday 28th June—Pre-school is open on this day

Thursday 18th July—Pre-school trip to Carsington Water

Friday 19th July—Pre-school closes for the summer

We understand that parking can be difficult at Woolley Road, especially if your child has a younger sibling. However, please refrain from parking across the white line in front of the gates—this is for the safety of ALL the children. Thank you.