

## Summer Picnic & Barnardo's Big Toddle Thursday 20th July

Once again we are going to hold our annual Summer Picnic and Barnardo's Big Toddle at King George V field and woods behind the Furzefield Centre. We also make it a mini sports day for the children with egg and spoon races, space hopper races and bean bag in the hoop to name a



few. **ALL** children who attend St John's are invited to join us on the day, along with their parent/s or carer. Please use the form on the notice board in the upper room to let us know if your child is coming and who will accompany them.

The playgroup **will not meet** at the church on this day, unless the weather forces us to do so and we would then have to have our picnic and games in the large hall.

We will go for a walk through the woods, gather treasures on the way and talk to the children about nature and bugs in our environment! And, as is customary, a long dash along the length of the field near the woods. As we walk (or run), we'll be raising money for Barnardo's projects for under 5s. More information is available at [www.bigtoddle.co.uk](http://www.bigtoddle.co.uk).



We will hand out sponsorship forms to all families who participate. Please return them ASAP or at the latest, on the day. Please support this great charity in their efforts to help children in the UK who are less fortunate.

### DETAILS AND LOGISTICS

When: **THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017** from 9.00am until 2.00pm (you're free to leave any time, staff will be present until 2.00pm)

Meeting Place: Small rubberised play area to the front of the Furzefield Centre

What to bring: A small Teddy, a picnic lunch including plenty to drink, lunch and snacks and a picnic blanket. Please make sure you and your children are dressed appropriately with sensible footwear, sun hats and sun cream (or wellies if we have some wet weather the previous day).



We appreciate many parents and carers work or don't drive and may find it difficult to either attend or work with the proposed timings. However if you wish your child to attend you may be able to arrange something with another playgroup parent. Keyworkers can look after one or two children each but this will need to be pre-arranged and numbers will be limited.

We hope as many of you can attend and make this a memorable day for the children. Please complete the attached reply slip or complete the form on the notice board. Feel free to speak to Mrs Mills or Mrs Mash for further clarification if needed.

If the weather is uncertain, please contact us on 07969 924482 or on 07711510556 on the day to find out if the picnic is going ahead.

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### Potters Bar Carnival 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017

What a lovely day we had at the Potters Bar Carnival. Once again, thank you to everyone who were able to join us on the long walk through the town to Elm Court. We were very pleased to see so many costumes being worn by the children and adults. The Judges were particularly pleased to see that we had used an educational theme but made it really fun for the children who had obviously made most of the costumes. We came 3rd out of all the walking floats which is a great result. One or two photos of your child/ren will be inserted in the Learning Journals, if you would like to have the originals in soft copy, please bring in a memory stick and Mrs Mash would be happy to copy them for you. Please be reminded that photos with other children cannot be posted on Social Media sites unless you have the agreement of their parents.

### Parent/Keyworker Consultations Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016

We will be conducting our parent/keyworker consultations on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Please see the chart on the notice board for your allocated time. You will be given a slip confirming the time. Please let us know if you have difficulty attending at the allocated time.



### Summer Farewell Picnic & Barnado's Big Toddle Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Please see separate letter

### End of term Lunch Parties

This year we will have leaving/end of term lunch parties on two days. Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Please see separate note and poster on the notice board for more details.

### End of term Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Just a reminder that Playgroup ends on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, lunch club will be as normal. 32 children will be leaving us to go to either school nurseries or reception classes at the end of this term, it will be a sad to see so many of our little friends leaving us! We have enjoyed the visits from the teachers from many of the 'big schools'



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We do of course look forward to seeing the children that are returning in the Autumn term, including the new children. Please remember to let us know if you wish for your child to attend additional sessions in September - Do check if you are eligible for the 30 free hours <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Our first day back is **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September - please note change of date.** The new children will come for their first introductory visit on Friday 1st September. We hope you have a lovely summer holiday.

**Please let your friends know that we still have some spaces for children in September**