

## Summer Picnic & GOSH Fundraising Event Thursday 18 July



**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!!** In order to avoid other events at local schools such as transition day on 11 July we have moved the event to **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> JULY**. We will make this our farewell picnic too for those leaving us to go to school or nursery. We are going to hold our Summer Picnic, Sports day and GOSH Fundraising event at King George V field and woods behind the Furzefield Centre. **ALL** children who attend St John's are invited to join us on the day, along with a parent 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 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! A race along the length of the field and fun sports events. As we walk (or run), we'll be raising money for GOSH projects. To donate online: <https://donate.gosh.org/donation/single-make-a-donation.aspx>

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 who support families and children staying at GOSH being treated in one of the 63 clinical specialities available.



### DETAILS AND LOGISTICS

When: THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> July 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 picnic lunch, snacks and plenty to drink 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 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 on the day to find out if the picnic is going ahead or if we will need to use the Main Hall at St John's.

## MORE NEWS....

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### Potters Bar Carnival 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019

A lovely day was had by all at this year's Potters Bar Carnival. Thank you to everyone who joined us on the long walk through the town to Elm Court. We were very pleased to see such great costumes being worn by the children and adults. The Judges had a difficult job deciding but we came 2<sup>nd</sup> this year so well done with all the costumes and vehicles. 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.

### Parent/Keyworker Consultations Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

We will be conducting our parent/keyworker consultations on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<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 & GOSH Fund raising event Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Please see over for more details

### End of term Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Just a reminder that Playgroup ends on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. We have 33 children leaving us to go to either school nurseries or reception classes at the end of this term, it will be 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'. We hope all the children will have time to visit us and let us know how they are getting on



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We do of course look forward to seeing the children who 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/>

### Staff updates

As some of you already know, Mrs Mash will be leaving St John's Nursery Playgroup at the end of the summer term after 14 dedicated years. She will be greatly missed by us all as she pursues a new career. I'm sure we can persuade her to visit us and we hope she will keep in contact.

Our first day back is **Wednesday 4th September**. The new children will come for their first introductory visit on Friday 6th September. We hope you have a lovely summer holiday.

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