

## Summer Picnic & Barnardo's Big Toddle Thurs 16th July

Once again we are going to hold our annual Summer Picnic and Barnardo's Big Toddle at 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.

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 16th July 2015 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: Picnic lunch including plenty to drink, lunch and snacks and a picnic blanket.



Please make sure 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 mum. Keyworkers can look after one or two children 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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## MORE NEWS....

### Potters Bar Carnival 7 June 2015

What a fabulous 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 came 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



### Literacy Research

This research took place over a couple of long days in May. The researcher was very pleased with the response from 'our' parents and gained some valuable insight into what children understand. The £5 gift voucher which you received has hopefully been spent. The playgroup received £100 Amazon voucher to spend on playgroup equipment



### Parent/Keyworker Consultations Friday 10 July 2015

We will be conducting our parent/keyworker consultations on 10<sup>th</sup> July. Please see the chart on the notice board for your allocated time.

### Summer Farewell Picnic & Barnado's Big Toddle Thursday 16 July 2015

Please see separate letter

### End of term Friday 17 July 2015

Just a reminder that Playgroup ends on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, lunch club will be as normal. 34 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 do of course, look forward to seeing the children that are returning in the Autumn term, including the 13 new children. Please remember to let us know if you wish for your child to attend additional sessions in September. Our first day back is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We hope you have a lovely summer holiday.