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**Newsletter ~  
November 2013**



### **Time flies ... ho, ho, ho!!!**

Where has 2013 gone to? It is hard to believe that we are galloping up to the Christmas season and New Year celebrations. The children have all settled back in nicely and it is lovely to see some new faces in one or two of our sessions. Let's hope we can go from strength to strength in 2014.

### **A New Addition to Our Family**



We have been joined by a furry new member. Roly was contacted by his big brother Rory the Rabbit who hales from Scotland (hence his Tam o' Shanter) and who wanted to know a little bit more about life in Hadnall. Rory was so impressed by Playgroup that he asked to stay for a while so that he could join in the fun. In the meantime, Roly has taken the opportunity to go on his own travels to see how many more of his family he can find around the world.



A big thank you to Willow Hyde and her family for putting us in touch with Rory and letting him know we were here.

### **What We've Been Up To...**



We really have been busy bees. We have explored Autumn and looked at the letters L for leaf and S for squirrel, amongst others. We have made leaf prints, baked bread,

made biscuits and been on Autumnal walks around the village.

We have turned the bikes and cars into emergency vehicles and zoomed around the main hall putting out fires.

We have explored Diwali, made Diva lamps, eaten Indian foods and listened to the tale of Rama, Sita and the ten-headed demon king Ravana (am I the only one who, at home, had to blow up 10 balloons to make him so that my child could pretend to fire magical arrows and rescue the princess?).

We have looked at Bonfire Night and made rockets (we even found some burnt out ones on our walk across the playing field).

We have talked about Armistice (Remembrance) Day and the symbol of the poppy.

We have visited the mobile library and picked some new books for story time.

We have all dressed up in our PJs for Children in Need (and I mean all ... you get some strange looks from drivers when waling down the A49 in your onesies!).

Check out our website for more details and pictures.

### **Coming Up...**



We will be exploring Winter and Christmas and completing a number of activities and projects linked to these themes. We also hope to make continued use of our waterproof suits and keep exploring the

great outdoors. If you could send children with hats, gloves, wellies etc... as the weather gets even more "British" we would be very grateful.



### Term Dates and Openings

Our last session in 2013 will be on Friday 20th December (only 4 days before the big man arrives ;o) ). We will return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

### Quiz

Hadnall Village Hall will be hosting its yearly quiz on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. If anyone can offer us brain support / the answers then let us know - you would be more than welcome to join us.



### Fundraising

We are holding our Christmas Fair this Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, from 2-4pm. There will be lots of stalls, goodies and activities as well as a fantastic draw and visit from a very important man (before he gets too busy). Let as many people as possible know about this fabulous event and encourage them to come along and join the fun. If you can help us by donating chocolate, cake, time etc... than have a quick word with Jackie or pop into Playgroup with your goodies. All help greatly appreciated.



We have also made contact with Ragtex who will be visiting us on

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. This brilliant scheme allows us to make some much needed pennies from the collection of unwanted clothes, bags, belts, books, DVDs etc... Why not take this opportunity to go through your cupboards / drawers to make some space ready for Christmas (or the New Year sales) and send us your surplus items. Families and friends are welcome to join in too! Just pop anything you find which you no longer want into a bag and down to the Village Hall for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and we will pass it on.



### Christmas Play

This year our Christmas play will be performed on the morning of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We will aim to start at 9.45am.



Parents are welcome to drop off their children at 9.15 and then join us downstairs for refreshments and a small raffle (whilst the children get changed). All children are welcome to be a part of this event (even if Friday is not their normal session) and we will be practising songs etc... throughout the week.

### Christmas Party

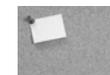


We will be having our end of term Christmas party on the afternoon of Friday 20th December. Children who do not normally attend this session are welcome to join us (fees

apply, please see Sally to let us know if you are interested so we know numbers). We will start off with a party lunch (normal lunch boxes are not necessary - a list of party foods will go up nearer the time) and follow this with games and a Children's entertainer.

### Parents' / Grandparents'

#### Notice Board



We now have a notice board which can be used by parents / carers to pass on information or sell pre-loved items that may be of interest to other members of the group. Located on the door next to the lunch boxes, just let us know what you would like to advertise and we will pop it up for you or check out what is on offer.



### Notes

Just a reminder, in this time of bugs and germs, to ensure that staff know if children have been unwell and to double check that we have up to date contact details just in case we do have to call as a result of illness.

### Finally

Eat, drink and be merry ... it is nearly Christmas after all!!!



If anyone is still interested in joining a few of us on a night out in Shrewsbury on 29<sup>th</sup> November, speak to Jackie and she will give you some more details.