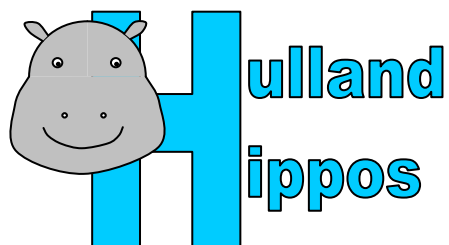


2017 Autumn Newsletter



Dear All,

Summer round-up: We particularly enjoyed having some older children and ex-Hippos at our *Holiday Hulland Hippo* sessions. Unfortunately outdoor play was restricted by the inclement Wednesday weather we had in August. However we had a good time indoors. Some of the creative work done at sessions was entered into Hulland Horticultural & Craft Show.

We owe a BIG thank you to Hil for designing and creating the 'St George' Hippos flower display at Hulland Church Flower Festival with its amazing dragon.

A First Aid training course took place in the Village Hall in July for parents/ carers/ the Hippo team and was well attended and appreciated by those who could come.

School & Nursery Starters: We wish Alexis, Jasmine, Erin, Chloe, Daniel, James, Poppy, Joseph, Jessamy, Livia and Camille all the very best as they start school, and send our best wishes to Isobel & Harry as they start nursery school on a Wednesday. We look forward to seeing them at holiday times and keeping in touch.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 20th September: **Harvest Hippo Time** in Hulland Church. Come to the Village Hall as usual, then we'll walk to church together at 10.30am for a Harvest themed Hippo time led by Rev. Phil. *Please could you bring a small item of food.* The food will then be donated to the Padley Centre in Derby. Return to the Hall will be about 11.00am for drinks, snack and play.

Wednesday 25th October: **Half-term Hippos** to which we welcome older siblings and old friends such as our school and nursery school leavers.

Wednesday 1st November: **Hulland Hippos' Fifth Birthday!** – a special session which includes birthday cake.

Wednesday 8th November: The Hippo Team is having a meeting. Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to discuss or you have a suggestion for something new.

Wednesday 15th November: **Special spotty Pudsey Bear session.** The attendance charge on this date will be forwarded to the Children in Need charity, with a matching donation from our funds and monies raised from a Bring & Buy stall during the session. *We will welcome items for the Bring & Buy.*

Wednesday 13th December: **Hippo Christmas Nativity in church followed by Party Lunch** for all in the Village Hall, 10.00 – 12.30pm

Hulland Church Services especially suitable for young families:

Sunday 1st October, 9.00am - All-Age Service & Baptism led by Rev. Phil and Rev. Linda

Sunday 5th November, 9.00am - All-Age Service led by June Lomas

Sunday 3rd December, 3.00 pm – Christingle Service led by Rev. Phil and Rev. Linda

Sunday 24th December, 4.00pm - Crib Service led by Rev. Phil and Rev. Linda

Christmas Holiday: No sessions on 20th and 27th December, open again on 3rd January 2018

Best wishes from Penny, Katrina, Hil, Pauline, Doreen, Rosie, Gillian and Carol.