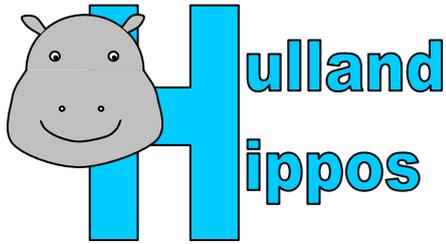


# 2017 Christmas Newsletter



Dear All,

Firstly, a big **thank you** for your support with our Pudsey Bear session raising money for Children in Need. We raised £177 from the Bring & Buy and your £2 fees for the day which we matched from funds. A great result!

**Names:** Our policy is for all adults and children to wear name badges to help everyone learn names more easily. Please write your names on the stickers at the registration table as you come in.

**Hot drink safety:** We have discussed using disposable paper lidded cups but decided they also have risks attached such as being too hot to hold, being knocked over and problems with lids. So we will continue with mugs two thirds full only and not boiling water. The safest place for hot drinks is at the snack tables. Adults with smaller babies in the Baby area need to ensure their hot drinks are a safe distance away from the babies. To help we will put a table nearby for their hot drinks.

**Hippo Time:** It is important for young children to learn how to listen in a group situation so we politely request that adults set them a good example and don't chat in the Hippo circle. If you do need to continue with a conversation please stay at the back of the hall.

*Now, on to Christmas things!*

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: **All Age Christingle Service** at Hulland Church, 3.00pm. This is a favourite for children who receive an orange with sweets on!

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: **Hulland Hippos Nativity** followed by **Christmas party lunch**. We meet at the Village Hall as usual at 10.00am, walk over to church together to hear, watch and take part in the story of the First Christmas, then back to the Hall for lunch for everyone provided by the Hippo team. We finish with a game or two, some songs and Christmas gifts for the children. 10.00 – 12.30pm. Note the later finishing time.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm: **Carol Service** at Hulland Church. We need a volunteer from Hulland Hippos to do one of the readings at this service. Please tell a member of the team if you would like to volunteer for this.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve, 4.00pm: **Crib Service at Hulland Church**. This year any children who would like to take part are invited to come to the service dressed as a character from the Christmas story. Come early to get a seat!

**Hulland Hippos' Christmas Holiday:** There will no Hippos on Wednesdays 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> December. We will be open again on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018.

**Winter weather:** As many of the team can walk to the Hall we can usually open even when we have snow and ice. However don't take any risks if you are unsure about the driving conditions. Any closure will be sent to those on the Hippos group email, put on the Hippos Facebook page and on this website – [www.hullandchurches.org.uk](http://www.hullandchurches.org.uk)



Finally, we wish you all a very happy Christmas!

*Penny, Katrina, Hil, Pauline, Doreen, Rosie, Gillian, Carol and other Hippo helpers.*