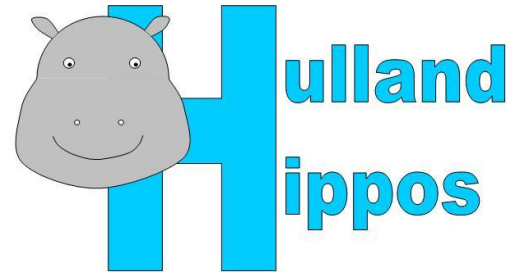


2017 January - April Newsletter



Dear Everyone,

Happy New Year! We hope you and your families have had a safe and happy start to 2017.

Christmas Leavers: We wish our triplets Ava, Isaac and Isabelle a happy and successful start at their Pre-school and Jen I have no doubt will make good use of her new time. We hope they will come back to see us when possible. We will have to say goodbye to Imogen and her Mum Emma in February because they are moving south. We will miss them and thank them for being so supportive during their time at Hippos.

New Babies: Congratulations to Kay on the birth of Charlotte, sister for Samuel and to Elaine on the birth of Oliver, brother for Poppy. We look forward to cuddles.

New Families: Welcome to the families that have started coming to Hulland Hippos in the last couple of months. We look forward to getting to know you and your children.

Derbyshire Community Health Services have responded to the comments raised by five Mothers to Sharon Mellors of HealthWatch when she visited Hippos in October. If you are interested in seeing the response please ask Penny.

There is an opportunity for Mums giving birth between July '16 - March '17 to contribute to academic research into health care during pregnancy. Ask Penny for more details.

Special sessions coming up:-

- **Wednesday 1st March: Shrovetide, 10.00am - 11.30pm**
Pancake activities and pancakes for snack time.
- **Wednesday 22nd March: Mothers' Day Special. 10.00am - 11.30am**
Visit to Hulland church followed by a treat for Mums and Carers
- **Wednesday 19th April: Easter Special, 10.00am - 12.30pm**
Easter activities followed by a picnic. Bring your own picnic, drinks provided.
Older children welcome too.

Other events:-

- Saturday 18th March, 10.00 - 12.30pm **Hulland Church Spring Fair** at Hulland Ward Millennium Hall. Penny is organising this event and would be grateful if any Hulland Hippos families could volunteer to run a children's game or activity.
- You are invited to a **Mothering Sunday Service with Brunch** on Sunday 26th March, 10.30 am in Hulland Ward Millennium Hall. All Mums and children very welcome to this informal occasion.

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 put on the website www.hullandchurches.org.uk and emailed if you are on our list

Best wishes for 2017 from the Hippo Team

Penny, Katrina, Hil, Pauline, Carol, Brenda, Dorothy, Arline and Gillian