



MINOR MATTERS

January 2012

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a lovely break over the holidays.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Party. We had so much fun! Thank you also for your support and kind generosity. The group made £200 profit from the sale of party tickets and raffle tickets and we have ordered some new **Aqua Doodle** drawing mats and extra pens and some face paints for the group. We hope you enjoy them!

COMMITTEE

The Cheddington Baby and Toddler Group is run by volunteers. We are:

Eloise Clark (Chair)
Claire Wright (Treasurer)
Vicki Elsdon (Secretary)
Elke Hegarty (Website)
Sonya Aris (Publicity)
Suzanne Ambrose (Crafts)
Gemma Eaglesham (Refreshments)
Becky Potten (Traders co-ordinator)
Judy Boyes (Health & Safety)

Our email address is:

committee@cheddingtontoddlers.org.uk A huge thank you to the committee who work so hard to make the group a success. A big thank you to Nina Tomlin and Jo Lipscombe who have stepped down from the committee. Nina arranged all the snacks and refreshments for

the group and Jo organised the raffle (and managed to get fabulous prizes).

THE GROUP CAN'T RUN WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS

We need new committee members We are always looking for new people to join our team of dedicated committee members. We are a friendly and fun group of parents that meet on a 6 to 8 weekly basis (sometimes in the pub!) to ensure that the group is able to run efficiently and that we continue to offer fun and interesting events at the group. If you would like to find out more or join the team, please speak to Eloise or anyone on the committee.

Help with opening & closing In order to keep the Baby & Toddler Group running we need everyone who attends sessions regularly to help open or close preferably at least once a month (unless you are pregnant or have recently had a baby). If you are able to help please either sign up on the sheets at the refreshment hatch or speak to a member of the Committee.

We are now offering **FREE** entry to anyone who can help open and close!!

Entrance Fees Entry is £2.00 per parent/Carer and first child, then an additional 30p per child over 9 months. To help clarify things, we charge for the second child, once they are crawling. We think this is fair, as they start to actually play at the group from about this age. The entrance fee includes tea/coffee for the parent/Carer and snack time for the child.

Can you provide some Biscuits/Cakes? Unlimited hot drinks are included in your entrance fee however please remember to put your donation for any biscuits or cakes on the counter. The cakes and cookies are voluntarily made, on the whole by members of the committee but if you would like to do any baking (or buying for that matter) then that would be great! Please let a committee member know!

For more information or for details of upcoming events please visit our website

www.cheddingtontoddlers.org.uk

or join our page on **facebook**

One little Charity helping other Charities.....

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In 2011 the group gave £201.59 for Charity!

- Red Nose Day 2011 £30.51 (March)
- Marie Curie Cancer Research £21.91 (June)
- Obstetric Cholestasis Support £70.97 (Sep)
- Jeans for Genes £45.45 (October)
- Poppy Appeal £15.50 (November)
- BBC Children in Need £17.25 (November)
- Wallace & Gromit's Children's Foundation £17
- Ian Rennie Hospice £20 (December)

Plus the Halloween craft day raised £369 for Keech Cottage. A huge thank you to everyone for your support and kind donations!! It is wonderful that we continue to fundraise for other charities, especially those which benefit children and families.

If you would like to nominate a charity that we could support please contact the committee.

Toy Hire/Fancy Dress Hire All the toys (and equipment e.g. mats/tables and chairs/beakers) and the fancy dress clothes which are used at the Group are available for hire – great for birthday parties and other occasions. Do spread the word on this one – you can hire the toys from just £10 and the dressing up outfits from just £2 – which is excellent value for money! For more details please contact a committee member.

Have you any suggestions for the group? We have a Suggestion Book on the front desk for you to put forward any suggestions/ideas/changes you would like to see. We always discuss any suggestions in the book, so please use it or if you prefer you can speak to or email anyone on the committee.

Important Health & Safety Info

Our **accident book** can be found at the front desk (in the green box) and the **first aid kit** is in the kitchen. To ensure a safe and happy environment for our children:

- **PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR CHILDREN.** This is an unsupervised group and it is down to all parents and carers to watch children. Please also remember your child's behaviour is your responsibility.
- **PLEASE ENSURE THE GATE AND FRONT DOORS ARE CLOSED AT ALL TIMES.**

Please don't let anyone else's children through without their parent/carer.

- **KEEP HOT DRINKS OUT OF REACH OF THE CHILDREN.** Please also help us to prevent any spills or accidents at snack time by encouraging your children to sit on the mats.
- **KEEP ALL ADULT POSSESSIONS OUT OF REACH OF THE CHILDREN.** Please ensure your bags are zipped up and left either on the stage or on the stacked chairs.
- **PLEASE REPORT ANY INCIDENTS OR EMERGENCIES** to a member of the committee and be vigilant to any child in distress and needing assistance.
- **SICKNESS/DIARRHOEA** - We would ask that in the event of a child being sick or having diarrhoea, they are not brought to the group until 48 hours after the last episode has elapsed.
- **ALLERGIES** - Please notify a committee member if your child has any life-threatening allergies to ensure the snacks offered are suitable.



**Ivinghoe & Pitstone
Sure Start Centre**

We are delighted that our local Sure Start Centre have agreed to come on the first Friday of the month to provide messy play and singing at the group. They provide amazing services for families with children under 5 and will be offering information and support as well as fun activities for the children when they visit our group.

Minor Matters is the Cheddington Baby and Toddler Group newsletter and we hope this will keep you up to date with what we're doing and planning as well as provide you with useful information.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Eloise Clark on 01296 662464 or email us at committee@cheddingtontoddlers.org.uk or visit our Facebook page or website at www.cheddingtontoddlers.org.uk