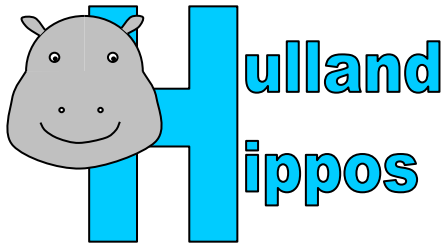


## 2021 Autumn Newsletter



Dear Hippo Families,

**Summer round-up:** It has been a delight to have some of our pre-lockdown families coming to Hippos this summer.

A BIG thank you to Hil for designing and creating the Hippos flower display for Hulland Church Flower Festival. The children painted sunflowers for the display.

Some children entered Hulland Show Under 5s colouring competition. Olivia Williams was awarded third prize and George Grayshan second prize. Well done!

**Our school starters:** Evie, Flora, Florence, Isla, Erin, Albert, Joshua, Joseph, Harry and Archie are all starting school this September. We wish them happiness in their new schools and look forward to seeing them at holiday times.

**Welcome!** A warm welcome to the new families who have come recently. We look forward to getting to know you and your children.

**Price increase:** With fewer families attending Hippos since we re-started in June the income produced from the £2s hasn't been enough to pay the hall rent, let alone anything else. So, with reluctance, we need to ask families to pay £3 a session from now on. It is our first price increase since starting 9 years ago!

**Hippos Lending Library:** We have a good selection of books for babies, toddlers and under 5s. Some are about particular situations in a child's life such as starting nursery, swimming lessons, new baby, helping your child develop spiritually. You can borrow any of the books to enjoy at home. Just fill in our borrowing record and take home the book/s in one of the folders provided.

### Special sessions coming up:

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October: **Hippo Harvest Service** in Hulland Church. Come to the Village Hall as usual, then we'll walk to church together for our toddler-friendly Harvest service at 10:30 am led by Rev. Phil. We will be back in the Hall by 11:00am at the latest for drinks, snack and play. *Please could you bring an item of food for the service. The food will be donated to the Padley Centre in Derby.*

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October: **Half-term Holiday Hippos** to which we welcome older siblings and old friends such as the children who started school and pre-school.

You might be interested in coming to Messy Church

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September: **Messy Church** at Hulland Ward Village Hall, 3:30-5:30pm

For all the family, especially suitable for 3 – 11 year olds but younger children welcome. Includes a wide variety of activities followed by tea. Theme: *Planet Partners*

Best wishes from **Penny, Katrina & Michael, Hil, Shirley, Rosie & Carol**