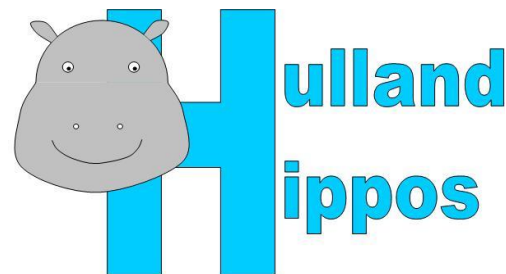


2024 Summer Newsletter

Dear Everyone,

Welcome to summer! Warm sunshine at last and lots of fun to be had in parks and gardens with the children.



And welcome to the families that have started coming to Hulland Hippos since our last newsletter.

Team news: It is lovely to have Hil, Pauline and Norma back from their 'sick leave'. It has made us realise we could do with a couple more volunteers to keep the show on the road especially when team members are on holiday.

Hippo Visitors

Some of you will already have met Rebecca from **The Breastfeeding Network Derbyshire** who comes to Hulland Hippos on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Rebecca provides up-to-date breastfeeding peer support to families from pregnancy to toddlers. Talk to Rebecca if you have any concerns or questions. She will be at Hippos on 15th May, 19th June & 17th July.

Also on 15th May: Helen Aldridge, Engagement Officer from **Healthwatch, Derbyshire**. Healthwatch listens to what people have to say about NHS and social care services to try and improve these for local people. Helen will be asking for your views on nasal flu vaccines for 2-3 year olds.

Wednesday 17th July will be a Teddy Bears' Picnic. You will need to bring a favourite teddy and a picnic. Usual time 10 - 11.30am.

School Holiday Hippos: Older siblings and ex-Hippos are welcome at our school holiday sessions. We provide activities for children up to 7 years and enjoy seeing how Hippos of the past have grown! KS2 children are welcome as Hippo Helpers.

Toys and equipment: We will be giving the toys a summer clean. If you would like to help by taking a box of toys to clean please tell a member of the team.

Leavers: We know that there will be some children needing to leave Hippos at the end of the summer to go on to the next stage of their education or because Mum is back at work. Please let us know if your child is soon to leave so we can wish them well.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 22nd May, 7pm - Hulland Church **Mothers' Union Festival Service**. Followed by Chat & Cake. All welcome.



Saturday 13th July, 3.30 -5.30 pm: **Messy Church** for all the family at Hulland Ward Millennium Hall.

Saturday 24th August: **Hulland & District Horticultural & Craft Show** in Hulland Ward Millennium Hall. The schedule, including children's classes, will be available at Hippos. The Hippo team are the main organisers of the Show so support it if you can!

Best wishes for a happy and healthy summer from the Hippo Team - **Penny, Katrina, Hil, Pauline, Doreen, Shirley, Margaret, Norma, Michael and Rev. Lisa**