

TOTS AND TODDLERS REPORT 2012/2013

Tots and Toddlers continues to flourish with an average of 20 children, all under the age of four, every Monday afternoon. The children are either with Mum, Dad, Grandparent or carer. They all play very well together and it is a delight to see. We inevitably have those who leave once their child/children reach school age but there are always plenty of new ones to take their place, which is wonderful.

Parents and carers enjoy cups of tea, coffee and biscuits. We also have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, Hot Cross Buns the last Monday before Easter and Mince Pies the last Monday before Christmas. It is a lovely way for Mums, Dads and carers to relax and chat and hopefully make new friends.

Diane Williams creates some interesting craft for the older children to do on most Mondays, which is usually relevant to the time of year i.e. Christmas/Easter/Mothering Sunday, etc, as well as focussing on the weather and seasonal activities. They really enjoy making something they can take home to give to their parents or grandparents. If there isn't a craft project we put out the play dough (home made by Diane), which is also very popular with the older children.

The Church's Christmas Tree Festival has become a popular event since Elaine Hanham started it in 2011. The children really enjoy making various decorations, some with photos of their faces, to hang on the Tots and Toddlers Tree.

Janet Sharp comes to play the piano for our Christmas Carols, and we thank her very much for her time. She helps to keep us all singing in tune!

We continue to charge every family £1, which includes unlimited cups of tea, coffee and biscuits. Any profit we make is given to The Children's Society and the Church.

As helpers, we all get a great deal of pleasure from the group. It is good to know that it provides a place where mums can come for companionship and children get to interact with each other. Each session ends with songs and nursery rhymes and the children really enjoy singing along with Diane and Doris. Long may it continue.

Tots and Toddlers Team