



# St Martin's Toddler Group

September /October 2017

Welcome to a new term!  
I hope you've had a great summer. It's certainly been enjoyable to have a break from the usual routine of school runs and work!  
Autumn seems to have arrived rather promptly. It's pouring with rain whilst I write this newsletter and I've had the heating on already at home. I'm determined not to put my summer clothes away just yet, surely there must be a few more days of sunshine due our way!

Our Teddy Bears' Picnic trip at the end of the summer term was to the Nature Trail, Coolings Garden Centre in Knockholt. 14 families came along and we had a fantastic time running round, searching for birds of prey, pigs, rabbits, ferrets and hens. We visited the houses of the Three Little Pigs and ran through the tunnel of tall trees, fed the animals and had a wild time. We finished off with a lovely picnic with our Teddies and Rev'd John!

**Toddler Harvest Festival**  
**Tue 19th Sept**

We will be having our own very own Harvest Festival. Please bring in non perishable goods. All proceeds will go to Orpington Food Bank.

Our toddler group service will be very short and held in the beautifully decorated church, after our usual playtime session.

You will be able to see the hops and pretty flowers that decorate our church at Harvest time.

The children will each be able take up an item to the table. We'll sing a harvest song and then go home at the usual time.

Crafts: Our craft theme this half term is 'Harvest and Autumn'. We will be having a go at leaf printing, sticking with pulses and printing with fruits and vegetables. We might even be making scarecrows!



Fresh fruit and vegetables for snack time Please continue to bring in one piece of fruit or vegetable to be shared at snack time.



Autumn term : Tue 13th Sept—Tue 17th Oct  
24th Oct—no group as half term / return 31 Oct  
10.30am—12.00 noon  
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### General housekeeping reminders:

- ◆ We are only allowed to have 25 children in the hall at each session. This is for the safety of you and your child. Although most families do understand this, please don't make it awkward for volunteers on the front desk by asking to stay when you have been told we are full. We are following the guidelines set by the Church Committee.
- ◆ Please can you take nappies home after changing your child.
- ◆ Please remember you are fully responsible for your child/children whilst attending the group.
- ◆ Please can adults not chat to each other during singing time, not only is it off putting for other parents, but it means your child will not be engaging in the activity either.
- ◆ For the safety of the children, we only have hot drinks at the refreshments table area.
- ◆ We promote 'healthy eating' at toddlers. Children are offered fresh fruit / vegetables and either bread and butter or crackers. Biscuits are offered to the adults only.

### Photography in the group

Please do not take photographs of your children in the session. This is due to current safeguarding requirements.

### St Martin of Tours Sunday Service for families 10am Family Worship

This is proving to be a very popular service with families. Children are very much encouraged to join in with the service. It's fun, so come along and see make some new friends. Afterwards we have tea, coffee and juice for the children.

A toy box is located at the back of the church, if required.

For baptisms, weddings and other appointments, please contact:-

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### Have you or your child had sickness and or diarrhoea??

We remind families who may be affected by this, to remain at home for 48hrs following the last episode of illness (sickness / diarrhoea). These kinds of bugs are highly contagious. Please do not attend our sessions during this infectious period, to avoid infecting other families, especially young babies, or our volunteers.

Thank you for your continued support.