



St Martin's Toddler Group - Summer 2017

We ended the summer with our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic, held for the 2nd year running at Coolings Nature Trail, Green & Pleasant in Knockholt. We had thirty of us meet up, which was a really good turnout. There were buggies being pushed, toddlers running round, mums, dads running round, one grandparent who came all the way from Hastings, plus many other local ones and a few childminders joining in our fun!

The children really enjoyed spotting all the different animals at the centre. We saw wallabies hopping around their enclosure, birds of prey sitting on their perches, curly coated pigs and some weird looking goats. We put 20p in the feed machine and got a handful of pig nuts to throw into the drain pipe and the pigs waited in anticipation of lunch!

There were the 3 little pig houses to explore, a huge dark tree tunnel to walk through, quacking ducks to feed and Orpington buff hens to gaze at in the sheds. After all that the children were getting a little bit peckish so we had a well earned picnic under the trees.

The teddies were lined up on the rug and I took a lovely photo - but can't show you as I can't get the damn picture off my phone.....so, you'll just have to use your imagination.....lots of teddies and Rev'd John sitting with them at the end!

All the children went home with a Barney Bear chocolate sponge cake. I have to say that having an outing like this really gives the families time to chat to one another and make some true friendships. Parents were swapping contact detail and it was good to see.

We are having a summer break now and shall return on Tuesday 12th September. The theme for the autumn term will be 'Harvest Time'.

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