

## Summer Picnic & Barnardo's Big Toddle Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Once again we are going to hold our annual Summer Picnic and Barnardo's Big Toddle at the Furzefield Centre. We also make it a mini sports day for the children with egg and spoon races, space hopper races and bean bag in the hoop to name a few. **ALL** children who attend St John's are invited to join us on the day, along with their parent/s or carer.



The playgroup **will not meet** at the church on this day, unless the weather forces us to do so and we would then have to revert to a **NORMAL** Thursday session and attendance.

We will go for a walk through the woods, gather treasures on the way and talk to the children about nature and bugs in our environment! And, as is customary, a long dash along the length of the field near the woods. As we walk (or run), we'll be raising money for Barnardo's projects for under 5s. More information is available at [www.bigtoddle.co.uk](http://www.bigtoddle.co.uk). We will hand out sponsorship forms to all families who participate and this year, you will be able to make a donation on-line on the St John's personal fund raising page. The link is:

<https://secure.fundraiseforbarnardos.org.uk/registrant/FundraisingPage>

Please support this great charity in their efforts to help children in the UK who are less fortunate.



### DETAILS AND LOGISTICS

When: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 from 9.00am until 2.00pm (you're free to leave any time, staff will be present until 2.00pm)

Meeting Place: Small rubberised play area to the front of the Furzefield Centre

What to bring: Picnic lunch including plenty to drink, lunch and snacks and a picnic blanket. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately with sensible footwear, sun hats and sun cream (or wellies if we have some wet weather the previous day).



We appreciate many parents and carers work or don't drive and may find it difficult to either attend or work with the proposed timings. However if you wish your child to attend you may be able to arrange something with another playgroup mum. Keyworkers can look after one or two but this will need to be pre-arranged and numbers will be limited.

We hope as many of you can attend and make this a memorable day for the children. Feel free to speak to Mrs Mills or Mrs Mash for further clarification if needed.

If the weather is uncertain, please contact us on 07969 924482 or on 07711510556 on the day to find out if the picnic is going ahead.

Please return the slip below as soon as possible so we can finalise plans for the day.

Name of child ..... My child will/will not be attending the picnic

I am unable to attend on the day, so my child will be looked after by \_\_\_\_\_

Child will/will not be participating in Barnardo's big toddle fundraising (a sponsorship envelope will be provided.)