



# Little Stars

Welcome to Christ Church Little Stars. We are a church run toddler group started in October 2012. Christ Church is a 45 year old Baptist/Methodist partnership and has been meeting on this site since 1999.

We want to ensure the safety of you and your children, and at the same time want you to feel relaxed and comfortable. This welcome pack will hopefully give you all of the information you need, but do ask a member of the team if you want to know anything else.

## The Team



### **Louise Leyland (middle)**

Louise is our Children and Families Co-ordinator. She has run her own nursery for many years but retired recently. Louise tells a good story, is chief song maker upper and creates most of the craft.....!

### **Claire Nicholls (right)**

Claire is the minister of Christ Church, she is an occasional teller of stories, enjoys being creative and organises what happens when!

(Violet (left) is one of our Little Stars graduates - modelling our hats very well here).

We also have a rota of helpers, who you will meet. They are John (who is married to Louise), Helena, Joan, Marjorie, and Susan. They will help in anyway they can.

We have tea and coffee, water and juice (and the much sought after biscuits) available throughout the session from the hatch (help yourself). We provide mugs with lids for the hot drinks to ensure there is no spillage, but we ask that you keep an eye on your hot drink and don't leave it on the floor where it can be easily knocked over.

At the end of each half term we stay for lunch - keep an eye out for further details.



## Routine

The group runs from 9.30am-11.30am during term time only.

We try to establish a bit of a routine into our mornings..... it works as follows.....

When you arrive please park your buggy in the area near the lit up stained glass window. For the first hour there is time for free play. Please help yourself to tea and coffee.

At 10.30am we gather together for a story, and then make something related to the story! After we've finished we sometimes have another activity, but mostly enjoy continuing to play.

At 11.15am we pack away and then we finish by singing songs together, finishing by 11.30am.

Feel free to join in in any way you'd like. We'd ask you to remember that your children remain your responsibility at all times.

## Safeguarding

All of our helpers are DBS checked. Christ Church has a safeguarding policy, if you would like to see a copy then please ask. If you are concerned about anything then please talk to one of the leaders.

## Admissions

To help ensure the safety of your child we reserve the right to limit the number of people in a room in one session. If the group exceeds the limit regularly, we will create a waiting list for people wanting to attend.

We do not charge for Little Stars, but if you would like to make a donation towards drinks and snacks and for the general every day running costs then that would be great. There will be a donation box by the door.

If you have any questions, either about the group, the church or anything in this leaflet then please ask one of the leadership. We would also be pleased to hear of any suggestions you have for the group.

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