

Aston Le Walls Parish Council

Open Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### **Aston Tot's and Toddler's**

Hello my name is Nadine Hassan and I help with the social media management for Aston Tots and Toddlers group that is run by the village hall committee and volunteers.

The group was created to provide a place for young families with little ones living in the village and surrounding communities, to meet and socialise and make friends in a safe and inviting environment.

After a little research we soon recognised there was a gap in the week when there wasn't a local group running, so the decision was made to run Aston Tots and Toddlers on a Wednesday morning in term times from 10 -12 noon.

The group is open to babies and toddlers up to pre-school age however, we have notice that once our little ones are eligible for free childcare in pre-school settings, that's when they leave us, so we predominately see babies and toddlers under 3 years.

We have a good range of baby and toddler toys, musical instruments and books, that have been mostly donated. We like to sing nursery rhymes on most Wednesdays and arts and crafts at the end of each term.

We charge £2.50 for the first child and £1.00 per sibling

We provide a great selection of snacks and fruit for the little ones and hot beverages and homemade cakes to Mums, Grandparents and carers.

The group has been running since last September 2022 and on our opening day we welcomed 19 toddlers to the group. Our mums come from the village, Byfield, Woodford hales, Banbury and as far as Northampton.

Feedback has been positive.

Nadine Hassan

On behalf of Aston Tots and Toddlers