

WYCHWOOD SCHOOL FAMILY ROOM

Wychwood School is delighted to be able to extend its links with the local community this year with the opening of its new "Family Room". Actually it is two rooms in a portable classroom unit, currently not required for teaching purposes. One room has been furnished with comfortable chairs and equipped with play facilities for young children, together with the tea/coffee making facilities for the adults. The second room is equipped for art, craft and "messy play" for the under 5s.

Several groups have already been established at the school to complement the services provided for under 5s and their families by local playgroups and toddler groups. They are:

A "Bumps and Babes" Group for pregnant mothers and those with small babies - on the 2nd and 4th Monday mornings of each month.
Toddler gymnastics - for 18 months to 3yr olds and their carers - on Tuesday mornings.

Art and Crafts for under 5s - on Tuesday afternoons.

Pre-school gymnastics for 3yr - 5yr olds - on Friday afternoons.

It is hoped to start an Under 5s music session after Christmas, on Monday afternoons, and I am currently exploring the possibility of a "drop in" session for anyone interested on Wednesday mornings. If you have any ideas, requests, or suggestions for other activities, please contact me or the school, as we are keen to respond to the community's needs.

If you would like details of any of the activities taking place currently, please phone Anne Lunt, Outreach Worker.

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THE MYSTERY UNLOCKED

Readers may recall that in the last issue, an article about Wychwood, Barbados, posed the question, "which book by Agatha Christie contained the name from which the house was named?" Mr. Malcolm Cochrane has kindly supplied the answer in the form of a copy of the book, "Murder is Easy", first published in 1939, with further impressions up to the seventh, of which his is a copy, published in July, 1969.

Part of a sentence on the fourth page of the book reads,

"A large board informed him that he was at Fenny Clayton Junction for Wychwood-under-Ashe". Subsequently the place is referred to simply as "Wychwood". So now we know.