

# Toddler Hut and Jumping Jacks



## Membership Information Pack 2012-2013

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# What is Toddler Hut?

The "Mother & Toddler Group" was originally established with the aims to provide an opportunity for mothers and their toddlers to meet and foster the development of the toddlers. In May 2004, the name of the group was changed to Toddler Hut because this was the popular name for the venue and in order to welcome more fathers to the group.

The Toddler Hut is a section of the PDO Ras Al Hamra Recreation Club, and as such is overseen by a committee and must abide by the House Rules (see [www.pdorc.com](http://www.pdorc.com)) regarding usage of the club facilities.

The Toddler Hut and Jumping Jacks sessions provide an invaluable service to the PDORC Community. It acts as a welcome service to new arrivals and is the only known facility of it's kind in Muscat, whereby parents and children meet (housemaids and nannies are not permitted to be dropped off with the children).

The Toddler Hut provides a shaded outdoor area and air-conditioned facilities filled with suitable, age-appropriate toys for children under 4 years. The toys are cleaned and maintained by the members and Committee.

The facility is operated by volunteer 'key-holder' members and currently opens 5 mornings and 2-3 afternoons each week. Key holders have responsibilities such as welcoming new members, laundering towels, reporting maintenance items and informing members regarding the rules of the facility.

Other activities at Toddler Hut include seasonal parties, such as Halloween, Diwali, Christmas and Easter, which are organized by a dedicated Committee Member and all registered members of the section are invited to attend. From time to time craft, music, dance and other developmental sessions may be offered, depending on the key holder. Members of the section can also make a reservation to use the facility for private parties.

Jumping Jacks operates four times per week at the Sports Hall of the RAH Club. The Jumping Jacks sessions provide an invaluable outlet for development of the toddlers' gross motor skills, especially appreciated during the hotter months. Ideally the section would organize more Jumping Jacks sessions, especially in the afternoons of Summer, however for the moment this is not possible due to the Sports Hall's booking schedule. The Sports Hall staff is responsible for setting up and packing away the equipment that the section provides.

# Toddler Hut Member Guide

**Please read the following. Enjoy your Toddler Hut session!**

- Please ensure you are a registered Member of Toddler Hut– registration forms are found on the notice board.
- Age restrictions as stipulated by the session times must be followed.
- All children must be supervised by a parent or legal guardian at all times whilst at the facility.
- Tea, coffee, water and biscuits are provided in the kitchen – please help yourself.
- All nappies should be disposed of in the outside bin.
- It is the responsibility of all members to ensure that toys and equipment are not abused, e.g. no climbing on the roofs of the houses.
- A first-aid box is located on the kitchen wall.
- A list of emergency telephone numbers is located on the notice board.
- Shoes must be removed on entering Toddlerhut in order to maintain clean floors

**At the end of each session (or before you leave):**

- Please help to tidy away the toys and craft materials if applicable.
- Toys should be brought in from the garden.
- Please try to return all toys to their proper place; see labels on shelves or ask another member if you are unsure.
- Please do not allow your child to remove any toys from the Toddler Hut.

# Timings

## **Toddler Hut**

Saturday - 9:30 - 11:00 & 15:30 - 17:00  
Sunday - 9:30 - 11:00  
Monday - 9:30 - 11:00 & 15:00 - 17:00  
Tuesday - 9:30 - 11:00 & 16:30 - 18:00  
Wednesday - 9:30 - 11:00

## **Jumping Jacks (under 6 years)**

Saturday - 9:45 - 11:00  
Sunday - 9:45 - 11:00  
Tuesday - 14:30 - 16:30  
Wednesday - 14:30 - 16:30 \* only until end Sept 2012

Toddler Hut and Jumping Jacks are organised and operated by volunteers, offer to become a Key Holder to ensure the timings are maintained.

Each Toddler Hut session is overseen by a volunteer Key Holder, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please approach the Key Holder or email the Committee on [toddlerhut@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:toddlerhut@yahoo.co.uk)