

### THIRD WEEK BACK ☺

It's been amazing to see how everyone has settled in at pre-school and it's only the third week back. It is lovely to see the children in setting, enjoying all the activities the staff have planned and enjoying time in the fresh air, in the forest and in the garden.

I think at this point it's worth mentioning that In August we were presented with a Gold award for 'Goudhurst in Bloom', this is the second year running that we have won this award, a huge thank you should be extended to all the children and staff who worked very hard to achieve this.

This coming week we will be reading the Gruffalo, making Gruffalo's, animal houses and making crumble.

This week our colour is BROWN and our number is 3.

If you have any queries/issues please make sure you speak to Jo Galloway in setting or on 01580 212777 / 07483 262753 or your child's key worker who will be able to help. As well as Jo Galloway, our manager, your child's key worker and Zoe Bedford-Cooper, our business manager [zoeggvp@gmail.com](mailto:zoeggvp@gmail.com) I am always available should you wish to discuss any aspect of your pre-school experience 07766 553728 / [jaynegvp@gmail.com](mailto:jaynegvp@gmail.com).

### GENERAL NOTICES:

**Morning Helpers:** If you have any time from 9.00-10.30am any morning of the week and would like to offer your time for reading, gardening, baking, colouring or activities within setting please, please let Jo Galloway know so we can book you in for a morning or two. We are very keen to get parents, grandparents and friends involved, so would absolutely love to hear from you.

**Invoices:** You should have received your invoice for the term. If you would like to discuss your invoice or if you wish to set up a payment contract to spread the cost of your child's sessions at pre-school please get in touch with our Business Manager, Zoe Bedford-Cooper [zoeggvp@gmail.com](mailto:zoeggvp@gmail.com), who will happily help with any issues you may have. If you add any sessions or lunch clubs after your initial invoice you will be invoiced separately for them.

**Voluntary Contributions:** You will notice that you have received an invoice for a 'voluntary contribution'. The pre-school is very, very grateful for those parents who have paid this. Money received from these invoices is set aside and used directly to buy pre-school equipment and resources that we would otherwise not be able to afford. Last term we used £160 that you kindly paid to purchase all in one waterproof suits for the children to enable us to enjoy the outdoors whatever the weather. These contributions are directly to benefit your child's pre-school experience with us and each term we will tell you how much has been received and what we have invested it in for your children. Many thanks for continuing to support the pre-school.

**30 Hours Funding:** For anybody wanting 30 hours funding please look on the childcare choices website (<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>). We have limited places so please let Jo or Zoe know if you are considering this option. If you have any queries please contact Zoe on [zoeggvp@gmail.com](mailto:zoeggvp@gmail.com).

**Future Sessions for your Child(ren):** Sessions now and in the future are filling up very fast to the point there may have to be a waiting list for some sessions/days, so if you are thinking of increasing your child's sessions in the next few months and have not already spoken to Jo about which days you would like then please do so as sessions are very limited.

**Sick Days:** If your child is ill and has to take a sick day then please ring the setting asap to let us know: 01580 212777 / 07483 262753.

**Clothing:** Please make sure your child(ren) have the appropriate clothes and shoes for the time of year. Named wellies (to be left at the setting), hats, coats and gloves, a spare change of clothes and waterproofs (for spending time in the Forest Fun Area and our vegetable garden) would be ideal as the weather becomes chilly and wet.

**Parking / Vicarage:** The lane adjacent to the playground is the entrance to the vicarage and they are a family of four children who also have to be dropped to school etc. Please do not park in this lane as you are

essentially blocking the way to a residence. We know parking can be tricky at times but do bear this in mind.

**Matched Funding – URGENT help needed:** If any parent/community member works at a large corporation please may we ask you to check to see if your employer has a charitable policy? If they do, they may be able to match every pound we raise at our events like our Easter Bunny Bounce and Horse Race Night. This will provide extra provisions and resources for all our children. Please contact Jayne Russell 07766 553728 if you think you can help.

### FUNDRAISING – SAVE THE DATE

**Fancy Dress Halloween Party** to be held in setting on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 10.30 – 1.00pm. If your child is not on register that day please come in at 10.30. No packed lunches needed. There will be a list for donations of party food. Prize for best fancy dress outfit.

**Horse Race Night to be held on Saturday 17th November** : See attached poster....**BOOK NOW!** If you can't make the night but would like to support the event Horse and Jockeys will be on sale shortly at pick up / drop off.. Look out for details on coming weekly emails.



## **HORSE RACE NIGHT!**



**Saturday 17th November**  
**7.00 p.m. Goudhurst Village Hall**

**BECOME A RACE HORSE OWNER OR SIMPLY  
HAVE A FLUTTER, HAVE SOME FUN AND HELP RAISE  
MONEY FOR OUR VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL**

**£10 per person, 8 per table  
includes entry and meal**

**[jaynegvp@gmail.com](mailto:jaynegvp@gmail.com)  
Tel: 07766 553728**

**OR FOR FULL DETAILS GO TO  
[www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk](http://www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk)  
Registered Charity No. 1152404**

Photos of pre-school activities can be found on our Facebook page.  
[www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk](http://www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk)  
<https://www.facebook.com/GoudhurstVillagePreSchool>

Many thanks,

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