

WELCOME

We hope you all had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer in the (mostly) wonderful sunshine and are now ready for the new academic year, as we are at the pre-school. We are excited to welcome you all back for the new academic year.

We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 4th September. Monday 3rd September is staff training day.

A new term means thirteen new little people and their families joining our setting! We extend a very warm welcome to Finley Foster-Moore, Lottie Freear, Tamzyn Gale, Oliver Hawkins, Harry Healy-Tiernan, Kai Hoskins, Callie McGregor-Coleman, Hattie Parnell, Isaac Smith, Hudson Snow, Willow Buckman, Madeline Blackman and Oscar Wheeler.

The first two weeks of September we will be getting to know all our new families, whilst settling all the children with their key workers and the rest of the team. Please bring in a photo of your family to share in setting.

We will be looking at the story of the Gruffalo, looking at all the different animals that are in the story and making animal houses in the woods. We will be doing lots of messy play, arts and crafts, and tidying up the vegetable garden ready for the winter months.

If you have any queries/issues in the first few weeks 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 I am always available should you wish to discuss any aspect of your pre-school experience 07766 553728 / jaynegvp@gmail.com.

GENERAL NOTICES:

Optional Contributions: We would like to say a massive thank you to those that paid your voluntary contributions last term which amounted to £180. We can't tell you how important these contributions are to the pre-school for resources that directly benefit your children. The £180 was spent on waterproof all in one suits for use in the garden and Forest Fun area.

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.

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.

Invoices: If you would like to discuss your invoice and / or the fee structure, payment and debt policy or payment agreement all given to you at the beginning of term then please get in touch with our Business Manager, Zoe Bedford-Cooper 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.

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.

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.

Future Sessions for your Child(ren): Jo Galloway has spent the last month sorting out sessions for all our attendees but 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.

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 Team: If you are interested in joining our fundraising team to raise much needed funds for resources and activities for the children who attend the setting then please let us know. Contact jaynegvp@gmail.com / Tel: 07766 553728

FUNDRAISING – SAVE THE DATE

Fancy Dress Halloween Party to be held in setting on Wednesday 31st 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 in the village hall where you can sponsor a team, buy a jockey or bid on a horse, enjoy some food and drink and revel in a night of hilarity. Our compere again for the evening will be the effervescent Tim "Tug of War" Widdowson so look out for flyers and posts. If you would like to book a place please email jaynegvp@gmail.com or call 07766 553728.

Photos of pre-school activities can be found on our Facebook page.

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Many thanks,

Jayne Russell & Jo Galloway

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