

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 3RD JUNE 2019

Welcome back to the last term of the academic year. We hope you all enjoyed the sunshine and a little family time.

This week we will be talking about people who help us. We will be painting using different media and materials, colouring, making collages and hand puppets

New Storage building: It is hard to miss our fabulous new storage building which has replaced our old metal green shed. This was kindly donated by **LJ Fletcher Builders Limited** (Lee and Victoria). Lee and his team worked incredibly hard over the holidays to get this installed for us. We are incredibly grateful for this generous donation that will make a huge difference to our pack away setting and to the staff who won't have to play tetras each day to get all the kit packed away.....It has yet to have benching installed on the veranda for the playpark. We are also very grateful to our staff who gave up part of their Friday evening to dismantle and clear the old shed to allow for the work. It goes without saying that we are lucky to have such wonderful people that support the pre-school.



The Village Fete – This Saturday (8th June) – Please let Jo know if you can help with face painting at the Fete on Saturday, the more people we have to do a slot the better for everyone. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please also come visit our stall at the fete to say hello.

New member of staff: We would like to welcome Emeline Brown to the team as Pre-School Assistant who will be starting today and will be in setting every day. We wish her a good first week.

VACANCY: Goudhurst Village Pre-school is **still** on the lookout for a friendly Level 3 NVO qualified team player to join our team as a full time assistant (Monday – Friday 8.30am-3.45pm). If you or someone you know is interested please email jaynegvp@gmail.com with your CV for an application form or call 07766 553728 simply to find out more. Thank you! **PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!**

Water Bottles: Please be reminded to send your child with their named water bottle to each session. Your help with this is very much appreciated.

Tesco's – Bags of help: Ref No: 39801: We are incredibly lucky to have been successful in our application through Tesco's to have been awarded £2,000. Thank you for your support with voting on this. This grant was initially for the storage building. Part will be spent on the internal storage needed and part on what we hope will be a new garden area to add to our current one. We shall let you know when we have discussed this further and have confirmation from the Parish Council.

Our AGM Wednesday 22nd May –We were incredibly grateful to see so many of you, thank you for coming. We would also like to thank Miss Huxley from Goudhurst & Kilndown Primary School for coming along to chat about transition to primary schools.

Donations of pre-school clothing: If you are having a clear out and would like to donate any unwanted 0-5yrs clothing to the pre-school we would be very grateful. Money raised from the clothing sale rail is invested in the children's pre-school experience, for the garden/forest area, for crafting, for baking etc. Many thanks for your support ☺

Sun hats and sun cream: Now that the weather has changed could we remind parents that your children require sun hats and sun cream in setting, both to be names please. Your children should come into setting with sun cream already applied but with a top up bottle in their bag.

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 or for September and have not already spoken to Jo about which days you would like then please do so as sessions are now very limited and some sessions are now completely full.

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 I am always available should you wish to discuss any aspect of your pre-school experience 07766 553728 / jaynegvp@gmail.com.

GENERAL NOTICES:

Fire Engine visit: Wednesday 5th June

Pre-school Photo's with Sarah Clark: Thursday 13th June.

Sports Day: Thursday 11th July. More details to follow.

Leavers Party: This will be held on Thursday 18th July. More details will follow.

End of summer term: Friday 19th July – In line with tradition the day will be spent out somewhere locally and we will finish at 1pm. More details will follow.

Voluntary Contributions: The pre-school is very grateful to those parents who have paid their voluntary contributions over the last two terms. In the autumn term we received £120.60 and in the winter term we received £228.70. The pre-school will be spending these contributions on lacing cards to encourage fine motor skills, painting resources and on equipment and resources for our outdoor areas, we will let you know the specifics once they have been ordered. Voluntary Contribution payments received each term are set aside and used directly to buy pre-school equipment and resources that we would otherwise not be able to afford. 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.

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.

Clothing: Could all children come to setting with a spare change of clothes and wet wipes in a named bag. Nappies should also be provided in your child's bag should your child require them.

Book Lending Scheme: We are introducing a new book lending scheme, so that the children can choose a book to take home and look at and share with their family. This will be co-ordinated by Mary.

Payment of Invoices: We are experiencing non-payment of some fees. We appreciate that payment of fees can be tough at times and we appreciate those families that have set up payment contracts in order to spread the cost of their invoices and continue to pay in increments. However, if you have an outstanding invoice from last term could you either make full payment before the next invoices are sent out or if you are not already on an agreed payment contract please contact Zoe, our Business Manager to arrange one or to discuss your invoice. Any invoices unpaid from last term may result in us having to look at decreasing your child's hours to the universal 15 hours or if your child is not funded look at decreasing their hours until the debt is cleared.

Can you volunteer for an hour or two?: We openly encourage people willing to come in to share their skills, help out, read, play instruments or do planting with the children. Please get in contact with Jo Galloway if you could spare an hour or two in your week.

Lunch Boxes – A reminder: Lunch boxes should contain a balance of savoury and sweet and should ideally contain at least one piece of fruit. Because of allergies, children should not bring in food items containing nuts for their packed lunch. We hope you understand the severity if a child with allergies were to come into contact. Even the smallest amount could have huge consequences. Thank you for your understanding in this regard.

Polite Notice: We are experiencing quite a few late drop offs and it is proving disruptive to the start of the sessions, as we can't go outside to the Forest Area or garden until everyone is in. We very much understand that this is unavoidable at times and as a one off or with prior notice this is fine but please make every effort to get your child in on time so we can start our day. We are happy to let children in ten minutes early if it is arranged in advance but as we have to set up in the morning we will not have time to discuss any important issues you may have.

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.

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.

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

www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/GoudhurstVillagePreSchool>

Many thanks,

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