

Goudhurst Village Pre-school



NEWSLETTER

23rd SEPTEMBER 2019

This week we are continuing our theme and play surrounding the story of 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We will continue to make collages of the different scenes in the story, decorating cut out bears, swishy grass, mud and snow. We will also be singing songs with bears in. We would like to invite you into setting this Friday 27th at 2pm to have a teddy bears picnic in the woods with the children. Please let one of the staff know if you can make it.

Our colour for the week is 'black'. Please encourage your child/children to look for any object or toy that is black to bring in for 'show and tell'. This week our number is 4.

Grapes / Olives & Blueberries: Please remember to cut your grapes, olives and blueberries in four. This is the current Health and Safety guidelines. They can completely block a child's airway and this is the simplest way to take away this risk. Grapes should be cut length ways at a very minimum, but in four is recommended. The same applies to any rounded soft fruits / vegetables.

Reminder regarding nuts and sesame: Can we remind all parents that no nuts of any kind or sesame are allowed in your child's lunch in setting.

Naming of items: Can we please request that all coats, wellies or any item your child brings to pre-school is named. A sharpie/permanent marker works well. It is sometimes difficult for staff to match coats to children in order to go outdoors and eats into valuable time outside whilst children find their coats/wellies etc.

Recruitment: We are still on the lookout for a level 3 qualified full time pre-school assistant. If you or anyone you know is interested in applying please email jaynegvp@gmail.com with your CV or call 07766 553728 for more details.

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:

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. Nappies and wipes if applicable and sunscreen if needed.

Optional Contributions: We would like to say a massive thank you to those that paid your voluntary contributions last academic year which amounted to £887.40. We can't tell you how important these contributions are to the pre-school for resources that directly benefit your children. With this money we have bought arts and craft materials throughout the year and a new wooden role play shop and wooden food to be enjoyed by all the children.

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 ☺

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.

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.

Future Sessions for your Child(ren): Jo Galloway is constantly juggling sessions for all our attendees to give parents the sessions they require 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 extremely limited.

FUNDRAISING – SAVE THE DATE

Fancy Dress Halloween Party to be held in setting on Thursday 31st October 10.30 – 1.00pm. If your child is not on register that day please come in at 10.30.

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

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

Many thanks,

Jayne Russell & Jo Galloway

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