



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 on Tuesday 3rd September. Monday 2nd September is staff training day.

A new term means fifteen new little people and their families joining our setting! We extend a very warm welcome to all our new families and of course those returning to us after the summer break.

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 'All about me' and talking about our families for the first two weeks. We will be doing lots of messy play, arts and crafts, and tidying up the vegetable garden ready for the winter months.

We are very proud to have won a Gold Award in 'Goudhurst in Bloom' for the pre-school garden for 'The staff working with Young Gardeners'. This is a great achievement. The pre-school received gardening tools, seeds and butterflies to hang in the garden and a gardening voucher. We are very proud of what the staff and children achieved together.

Our colour for the week is 'BLUE'. Please encourage your child to find an object that is blue and bring into setting. Our number is 1.

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 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 ☺

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 as the weather is still warm.

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 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 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.

Horse Race Night – October 2019 – DTBC

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.

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

www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk

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Many thanks,

Jayne Russell & Jo Galloway

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