

# Goudhurst Village Pre-school



## NEWSLETTER

28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019

We hope you all had a restful half term and like us, are looking forward to the very exciting term ahead.

This week we will be celebrating Diwali, The Hindu 'Festival of Lights' by making decorative clay candle holders with the children and colouring lantern pictures.

The colour is gold and the number is 8.

Fancy Dress Halloween Party to be held in setting THIS Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 10.30 – 1.00pm. Children are encouraged to dress up and will need to bring a packed lunch. It will be normal session times for Thursday children but if your child is not on register that day please come in at 10.30 and their finish time will be 1.00pm.

Late night shopping – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November: If you would like to book your child/children a time for the Winter Wonderland experience during the village late night shopping, the sign-up sheet is now available in setting. The cost is £5 per child, which includes a gift from Father Christmas, a craft activity and a cup of hot chocolate. Mulled wine will be available for the adults, a small donation for this would be much appreciated. We ask for payment at the time of booking, please, as places will be limited to 15 children per time slot.

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](mailto:jaynegvp@gmail.com) with your CV or call 07766 553728 for more details.

Optional Contributions: We would like to say a massive thank you to those that have paid your voluntary contributions this term which to date amounts to £122.50 We can't tell you how important these contributions are to the pre-school for resources that directly benefit your children. With this money last year we bought arts and craft materials, a new wooden role play shop and wooden food to be enjoyed by all the children.

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:

Coats: Can we please request that all children bring a named coat into setting every day. This enables us to use our wonderful outdoor spaces without too much of a delay as it saves time in searching and matching coats to children.

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.

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.

**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.

**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. £27.30 has been raised so far this term. 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](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.

**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):** 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**

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

[www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk](http://www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk)

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Many thanks,

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