



NEWSLETTER

16th DECEMBER 2019

This is our last four days before we break for Christmas. We are continuing our Christmas arts and crafts this week and it will be full of festive fun.

Nativity: Thank you to all that attended and supported the children last Wednesday. The Nativity was full of joy and laughter, and we would like to say a huge thank you to the children for making it so amazing. Thank you to Hugh and Caroline once again for their narration, to Juliette for the French songs and to Zoe for the music. Also to the staff for all the time and effort they spent practicing with the children.

Christmas Hampers: Please bring in any contributions for the Christmas hampers by Tuesday at the latest and return any sold raffle tickets ASAP. The draw will take place at the end of the party on Thursday.

Children's Christmas Party: This Thursday 19th December is the Christmas party. For all those that don't normally attend a Thursday session please arrive at 10.30am. **Please don't forget to provide a wrapped and named present for your child/children to be given out by Father Christmas.** The children will be having hot dogs at the party, followed by ice cream. The Pre-school will close at 1pm.

New member of Staff for January: We welcome Fiona Christie to our team in January, who comes with a wealth of experience, having previously been a reception teacher at Marlborough House.

Thank you: The trustees would like to take this opportunity to recognise the commitment and dedication of our staff, without which the pre-school would not be such a haven of play and learning for all the children that attend and a place that families want to send their children.

We very much look forward to the New Year with a full complement of children and lots of different themes including: The Ginger Bread Man, Burns Night and The Flags of the world.

Thank you to everyone for your support over the last year and we wish everyone a very bright and happy 2020.

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:

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 ☺

Crisp packets: Please donate your empty crisp packets to the pre-school as part of our fundraising initiative and encourage friends and family to collect too.

Optional Contributions: We would like to say a massive thank you to those that have paid your voluntary contributions this term. 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.

Clothing / Coats: Can we please request that all children bring a named coat into setting every day now that the weather has turned cold. Please also 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 and gloves, a spare change of clothes and waterproofs (for spending time in the Forest Fun Area and our vegetable garden). Nappies and wipes if applicable.

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.

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.

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.

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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