



NEWSLETTER

2nd DECEMBER 2019

We are now in December and the run up to Christmas. This week we are continuing our Christmas arts and crafts and will be practicing for our wonderful nativity.

Late night shopping – Winter Wonderland experience – We would like to extend a huge thankyou to Victoria and Laura for their help in setting up the winter wonderland on Friday afternoon and to all those that came along to enjoy and support the pre-school at this event. I think you'll all agree it did look 'wonderful'.

The Trustee's would like to say a huge thankyou to all the staff for everything they did in making the wonderland experience WONDERFUL. You are all indeed wonderful for your commitment to the children and the pre-school. You should be applauded, as well as your family members who helped set up and tidy away. Another successful, lovely event for the children and all those that attended.

Nativity: A reminder that the staff need to know if your child still needs a costume for Nativity. The children have picked their roles for the Nativity, which is on **11th December at 11am**, in Goudhurst Church. Please join us, refreshments will be available after the performance.

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.

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.

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.

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 ☺

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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