



NEWSLETTER

13th JANUARY 2020

A great first week back and all the children settled well into the new term.

This week we will be reading the story of The Gingerbread Man. We will be looking at different variations of the story and acting out the story ourselves, using different props. We will be counting, sequencing and making Gingerbread Men collages.

The number is 2 and the colour is brown. Please encourage your child/children to bring something brown into setting to show at snack time.

All children have a plastic wallet to put their work or pre-school information in. Could you please make sure this is brought in for every session.

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: Now that it is getting colder and with forecast of snow in the next month please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather. Please make sure your child brings a named coat for all sessions please. Your child will not be able to go outside if they do not have a coat. Named wellies (to be left at the setting), hats, and gloves would be appreciated to keep the children warm when we use our outdoor facilities. Could all children also come to setting with a spare change of clothes in a named bag. Wet wipes and nappies should also be provided in your child's bag if your child requires them.

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.

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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