

# Goudhurst Village Pre-school



## NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2020

This week we are looking at birds and bird watching. We will be making bird feeders to hang in the woods and binoculars to look for birds from the decking. We will make charts of the birds we see and make bird collages.

If you have any bird books or pictures that we can show the children please send them in.

The number is 8 and the colour is yellow.

Visit to High Weald Academy Farm in Cranbrook - We have booked Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March to go to the High Weald Academy to see the lambs. A donation of £1 per child will help towards the farm, please. We will need as many people as possible to help with lifts. Could you please let Jo or Kat know if you can help. We will be leaving the Pre-school at 9.10 am.

We are looking for Trustees to join our team. If you or anyone you know is interested and would like to know more then please get in touch with Jayne Russell. (07766553728 or [jaynegvp@gmail.com](mailto:jaynegvp@gmail.com))

'Congratulations' to our business manager Zoe Bedford Cooper who welcomed a beautiful baby boy last week to their family. We wish her and her family lots of love and happiness. If you have any invoicing or payment queries please contact either Jo Galloway or myself for the next few weeks.

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:

**Donations of pre-school clothing:** You will have noticed our clothes rail made it out last week between the rain and hail!! 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 ☺

**Voluntary Contributions:** We can't tell you how important these contributions are to the pre-school for resources that directly benefit your children. Costs in early years are increasing but funding does not at the same rate so we thank you for supporting Goudhurst Village Pre-School in this way. Since September we have received £422.50, which we have put towards art and craft materials, a wooden role play shop and wooden food to be enjoyed by all the children. Thank you for your continued support.

**Clothing:** With the weather set to be quite cold for the next few weeks please make sure your child is wearing warm clothing to setting and is appropriately dressed for the weather. Please also 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.

**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.

**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](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.

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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/GoudhurstVillagePreSchool>

Many thanks,

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