



## NEWSLETTER

### Start of the Summer Term – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020

We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday period, despite the circumstances. The new summer term has begun but for now we are to follow guidelines and stay home. Please let us know if your circumstances have changed and you require childcare as a key worker. It is still the case that if your child can be cared for at home then they must be.

The pre-school will re-open to all children when we are advised by the government that we can but we hope you are all staying safe and well, enjoying a little of the sunshine with your children and had a visit from the Easter Bunny over the holidays. The closure on the 20<sup>th</sup> March was a national closure, so while it is a challenging situation we are not alone. Having chatted with a few of you over the phone in the last week we realise that this is a challenging time for parents whilst they deal with their children at home full time, juggling different aged children and home schooling, as well as the financial concerns many of us are facing, alongside the isolation from family and friends. We look forward to getting back to some sort of normality as soon as we can but please know we are all here for one another and only a phone call away.

We are getting in contact to let you know that the staff are missing seeing your children on a day to day basis, so in the coming week or two your child's key worker will be in touch by telephone to chat to your child and say hello.

In the mean time we have a message from each of our staff to their key children and to parents:

**From Jo:** I would just like to say a massive thank you to Kat and all the staff for continuing the good work of the Pre-School while I have been away. I have been told they were amazing. After what has been a very traumatic time for all our family, Zoe is now at home recovering with her husband and baby Rowan. It is still a very strange situation we are still in but hope we will get back to normal soon.

**From Kat:** I hope you are all doing lots of fun things at home. I am missing you all lots and can't wait to hear about all the things you have been up to when I next see you. Stay safe and happy and remember to keep smiling. Lots of love, Kat xx

**From Mary:** I'm missing all your happy faces. Remember how we shake our sillies out? Love Mary xx

**From Emeline:** I hope you are enjoying your time at home. Please listen to Mummy and Daddy. Be kind to your family. I would like you to draw a picture of you and your family that you can bring with you to show when the pre-school reopens.....don't forget to add your pet to the picture if you have one. I miss you all very much and can't wait to see you all. Lots of love Em xx

**From Dee:** To all our 'Happy Apples, You are my rainbows, you bring me light, you bring me colour, you bring me joy. And I miss you all so! Love to you all, Dee xx

**From Fiona:** Hello everyone, are you all enjoying the holidays? Did the Easter Bunny find you? I do hope so. The weather is so beautiful at the moment and I hope you are making the most of it with lots of time playing in the garden. Why not try and make some art with sticks, flowers and leaves. Look after yourselves and I expect I will see you soon xx

**Topics for the coming few weeks:** The pre-school have set the following topics for the next few weeks and encourage play and learning around the topics, whether that be reading, drawing, playing games but most importantly having fun.

16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Settling back, growing things  
In the garden

27 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2020	Healthy Eating
4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Sensational Shapes
11 <sup>th</sup> May – 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Crazy Colours
18 <sup>th</sup> May – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020	Being helpful
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term

Your children are fabulous, they are resilient and independent. Please continue to encourage them to do their shoes and coats independently, help with chores, read and look at books, play games and remember the importance of manners. Most importantly look after one another.

In unprecedented times, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to our staff for pulling together to support the children and keep the pre-school a happy and fun place in the few weeks before we were forced to close our doors. They went above and beyond to keep things running smoothly and it was lovely to spend more time in setting to see this. The staff and trustees are thankful that Zoe and her family are now on the road to recovery and every one of the pre-school family wish her health and happiness with her new baby Rowan and send our love.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please call:

Chair of Trustees: Jayne Russell on 07766 553728 **OR** Manager: Jo Galloway 07483 262753.

We will update you with further relevant information as and when we get it and of course let you know when we are given the all clear to reopen our doors for all children. Please continue to look at our website or facebook page below:

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

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

Many thanks,

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