

# Goudhurst Village Pre-school



## NEWSLETTER

19TH JULY 2021

We have almost made it to the end of term and despite a pandemic and the challenging academic year this created the children have had a fabulous time. It can be seen in the activities, the exploration and the smiles. Whilst lockdown is easing further from today can we please request that in order for us all to enjoy the start of the summer holidays that we continue to adhere to the procedures we have had in place for the last six months, till the end of term. We respectfully request that you continue to wear facemasks when dropping off and collecting till the end of term. Only three days to go! Thank you to all our parents for their support and understanding this year as we have steered through a minefield of government guideline.

This week we will be having lots of fun with the children and enjoying the sunshine. With that in mind, please remember to apply sunscreen to your child/children before they come to pre-school and provide a sunhat as this week is set to be the sunniest so far this year and will be hot.



Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Presentation – could all non-leavers be picked up by 2pm on Tuesday to allow for us to have a leavers celebration. All leavers and their parents/carers have been invited to attend the presentation at 2.30pm in / or around the church rooms.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Last day of term – Unfortunately, we have had to change plans for our usual end of term trip to Bewl Water as their restrictions in the restaurant have made it unviable, but instead will now have a fun day and picnic on the field (weather permitting) or on the decking. You will be responsible for your own child/ren but pre-school staff will help celebrate the end of another academic year, one which we will all remember for some years to come. We will finish at 1pm.

Thank you to our staff: On behalf of the trustees, parents and of course children we would like to thank all our staff for their continued hard work this year in making the pre-school the fun, caring and engaging environment in which our children feel safe and valued. The staff go above and beyond on a daily basis, and always with a smile. They all bring individual skills to setting and managed by Jo the teamwork can only be commended. Thank you to each and every one of our staff for all that they do.

Joe Meyer has retired as a Trustee: We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Joe Meyer who has stepped down as Trustee of the Pre-School after being with us since the start in 2013. We can't thank Joe enough for his calm, kind, caring and worldly approach to guiding the pre-school through its initial few years and helping steer through some difficult times. Joe also very kindly donated his time and energy to many pre-school projects, including the wheely storage benches and the outdoor sandpit which the children love. He will be greatly missed on the committee, and we wish him all the best as he spends more time with his family.

If you or anyone you know are interested in joining our team of trustees please email or call [jaynegvp@gmail.com](mailto:jaynegvp@gmail.com) or 07766 553728.

Staffing: Jim who joined the pre-school to cover Emeline's maternity, will be leaving us on Wednesday to attend university in London to complete his teacher training. Jim is loved by the children in setting and our staff and will truly be missed for his energy, enthusiasm and kindness to all that he meets. It has been an absolute pleasure having him join the team and he will be very much missed in setting. We would like to extend a massive thank you to him for everything he has done during his time with us, including all the times he has got things down from very tall shelves! ☺ We welcome Sadie back to the team in September to cover till Emeline returns. We wish them both much success.

First day of the new term in September – We return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September for all children.

**Sickness:** It has been noted on occasion that we have not been informed if a child is not going to attend setting for their normal session(s). If your child/ren is not going to be in, could you please make sure that you inform Jo or one of the pre-school staff.

- in advance, for example in the case of a pre-planned holiday  
or
- calling setting on the number below if they are ill or something has come up on the day.

We have to follow up for non attendance if we are not informed by a parent or carer. Also if it is a pre-planned absence we could offer this space to someone as a one off session if they needed it.

If your child is showing symptoms of coronavirus, please DO NOT send them into setting.

- **A high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
  - **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
  - **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

If your child is showing any of the above symptoms you will need to seek medical advice and get them tested. Please be aware that Covid-19 is now presenting with varying symptoms, so we would advise your child to stay at home if they have a sore throat, headache, are achy or feel nauseous. However, if you can remember a time before Covid-19, if your child is unwell for any reason and you would usually have kept them home then please continue to do that. This is to protect the children and staff at the pre-school and other parents and their wider families. Your co-operation in this regard is very much appreciated. If your child is expected in setting and is ill and has to take a sick day, then please ring the setting asap to let us know: 01580 212777 / 07483 262753.

**Payments:** Please could you wherever possible make payments to the pre-school by direct transfer to our bank account. (Natwest: Account No. 30090377 S/C. 60-06-18). Whilst we understand that sometimes this is not possible it would be our preference so ask that you avoid paying by cash or cheque unless it is necessary.

If you have any queries or issues, please feel free to you speak to Jo Galloway in setting or on 01580 212777 / 07483 262753. 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:**

**Parking:** Please be mindful to other users when dropping off and picking up, so parents are not blocked in when they need to do another drop off or get to work. Please do not park in the vicarage driveway as this is in daily use and the vicarage is now occupied.

**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.

Many thanks,

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