

Goudhurst Village Pre-school



NEWSLETTER

13TH DECEMBER 2021

The last week of term is upon us, and an exciting week ahead is planned, to include the Nativity and the children's Christmas party. Both the staff and trustees wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and a very prosperous start to 2022.

Following Boris Johnson's announcements last weekend could we kindly remind parents and carers that we request masks be worn at drop off and pick up please. This is to protect you, our staff and every one of our pre-school family. Thank you.

In the last week the weather has turned very cold, so we've been having tea parties and train adventures whilst playing inside this week. And to keep us warm outside we've been playing with balls, rackets and hoops. Some of us are getting very good at hitting the ball... Wimbledon here we come! On Thursday we had great fun with a Pirate visitor who took us on an adventure, sailing at sea and looking for treasure.



Christmas Nativity – Wednesday 15th December: Save the date!

The nativity this year will take place this Wednesday 15th December in the Church at 11am. All children who attend the Wednesday session should come in as normal. For all other children we ask that they come to the church for 10.55, dressed in their costumes.

What a privilege it is to be able to do a Nativity this year and we are sure that parents and children alike will love it, however we ask that when arriving at the church you wear a face covering and maintain social distancing where possible, sanitise your hands and do a covid test before attending where possible, and of course stay away if you are experiencing any covid symptoms, however mild. We will not be serving refreshments this year but hope you very much enjoy seeing your children perform. It will be a real treat and we are excited to share our nativity with you.

Apprentice – We are on the look out for an apprentice to enhance our team at Goudhurst Village Pre-School. If you or someone you know is interested, please get in touch asap: jaynegvp@gmail.com or 07766 553728. We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Christmas Party – All Friday children are to come in as normal and all others to come in at 10.45. The children will have hotdogs, followed by ice cream. Please let one of the staff know if your child has any dietary needs we are not aware of. Please do not send in packed lunches. The party will end at 1pm. Please collect your child promptly to allow staff to tidy and prepare for the start of next term. Unfortunately, this year parents will not be invited to attend. We hope you understand and hope to return to normal next year.

Are you interested in becoming a Trustee at Goudhurst Village Pre-School? It is a fun way to be part of the pre-school and guide the setting to further success. You don't have to be a parent, but just someone with enthusiasm in making the setting the best it can be. If you or anyone you know is interested, please get in touch with Jayne Russell on 07766 553728 or email jaynegvp@gmail.com for a chat or more information.

Pre-School Fee's – After lengthy discussion we have decided to increase pre-school fees to £5.75 from after Easter. (Summer term). With increasing cost of operations, including snacks, toys, books, crafts and another increase in minimum wage this will bring us more in line with local settings and allow to prosper. We hope you understand this decision.

Goudhurst Village Pre-School Closed Facebook Page: If you would like to keep up to date with what the children get up to during the day, please join our closed Facebook page where we post updates each week.

Warm Coats – Could children please come into setting in a suitable coat for the weather. We are often outside, enjoying many activities. Many thank in advance.

Second-hand toys and clothing: Thank you to all the parents that support our stall each week by donating or by buying. All donations we receive in the bucket go directly towards keeping our garden stocked and healthy, which in turn gives our children the knowledge and understanding of how things grow, We spend hours with the children in the garden and it is great to see them excited by growing their own things to eat. It is really important that children understand where things on their plate come from and how they grow, and we teach the importance of healthy eating. The garden is a fabulous learning environment, so please continue to support us by donating. A huge thanks to everyone 😊



If you have any queries/issues at all, please make sure 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 I am always available should you wish to discuss any aspect of your pre-school experience 07766 553728 / jaynegvp@gmail.com .

GENERAL NOTICES

Nuts and sesame: Due to the risk of anaphylaxis in setting can we remind all parents that no nuts of any kind or sesame are allowed in your child's lunch in setting as we have children who suffer severe allergies if they are in contact. This is to keep everyone safe. **NO NUTELLA OR PEANUT BUTTER PLEASE!**

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.

Parking: Parking at the pre-school is limited so please be mindful of others and walk to setting if you can. Please **do not** park or block the driveway to the vicarage as it is in daily use.

Sick Days: If your child is poorly and you feel it necessary to give them calpol or any similar medication, or you are unsure if they are well enough to come to setting then as a precaution, we advise that they stay at home to rest, to protect both children and staff at setting and their wider families. There are a lot of winter

colds going round at the moment, and if we can protect ourselves against the spread of these that has to be a good thing. 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.

Many thanks,
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