



6TH DECEMBER 2021

Only two weeks till the end of term and at pre-school it will be a busy two weeks as it will for everyone in the run up to Christmas. We hope you all find a moment to do whatever helps you relax before family festivities begin.

Following Boris Johnsons 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 cold but we've been keeping warm with lots of fun activities indoors. We've had puzzles and games, playing with pasta and rice, getting active with the climbing frame and outdoor blocks and of course lots of pretend play with the dressing up clothes. Now that December is here we've also stepped up our Christmas preparations on the craft table. Just look at some of the amazing works of art the children have made!



Christmas Raffle: Thank you so much to everyone that has pledged items for the hampers. Just a quick reminder that donations should be brought in by Friday 10th December please. (This Friday!!)

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

The nativity this year will take place on 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 10.45, dressed in their costumes. We are busy learning the songs in pre-school in the run up and I'm sure you will begin to hear children singing them at home. 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.

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 this week as we will be going out for walks to gather Autumn leaves to make pictures with. 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 zoeggyvp@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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