

Goudhurst Village Pre-school



NEWSLETTER

31st JANUARY 2022

Another week was enjoyed at Goudhurst Village Pre-School. A great week was enjoyed by the children exploring numbers, colours and shapes in lots of different ways. The children amazed the staff with how well they could count and sort things. We also in the crisp dry weather enjoyed being out in our woodland having adventures.

In the next week we will be making lots of obstacle courses in the woods, on the decking and indoors if the weather is unfavourable. We hope you all enjoy the week ahead.



Donation of woodchip for our forest and garden area: - a special thankyou to Biddenden Arboriculture who very kindly donated a mountain of woodchip to the preschool which has allowed us to refresh our forest and garden areas and paths and we are extremely grateful.



Warm Coats - Every week we try to spend as much time as possible outdoors so could children please come into setting in a suitable coat for the weather. This week children will need warm clothes, coats, hats and gloves. Thanks you for your help with this.

Forest School Area: We are very excited that last week we were back in our woodland area. Thank you again to Rachel and her team for reinstating this facility for use by the pre-school and for paying for all legal work in relation to our licence to occupy.



AGM (Annual General Meeting) – Last Monday we held our AGM and talked about the wonderful achievements of the last year during a difficult and turbulent time for early years. The Trustee's would like to thank every member of staff for their hard work and dedication during what has been a difficult two years and as parents I think you'll agree that they are terrific. Thanks to Jo, Zoe, Kat, Mary, Dee, Emily and Sadie for all that you do on a daily basis.

COVID-19 latest PM announcement – As of Thursday 27th January all plan B measures were removed, but we all know the virus is still about and there are still friends and family who are testing positive. We request that you are mindful of those around you and when in close proximity to other the wearing of masks is still recommended to protect yourself and others, although we appreciate this is now not mandatory.

COVID-19 – Self isolation periods – From Monday 17th January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period on a negative lateral flow device (LFD) test result taken on the morning of day 5 and then again on day 6. If they no longer have a temperature and two negative lateral flow tests, they can return to setting on day 6. The first of these LFD tests must be taken no sooner than day 5. If the results of the LFD tests remain positive, they should continue to isolate for the full 10 days.

Two weeks ago, the government confirmed that there was temporary pause of confirmatory PCR tests and on receiving a positive lateral flow device test you must isolate immediately and follow guidance.

COVID-19 – Testing – Adults and children (aged 5-18) who are identified as close contacts of someone with covid-19 should take a lateral flow test every day for seven days and continue to attend setting, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Please see the following guidance for more information:

Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection – GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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.

Apprentice – We are looking 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.

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.

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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