

Goudhurst Village Pre-school



NEWSLETTER

28th FEBRUARY 2022

A fantastic first week back was had by all. One of our favourite games at Pre-school is THE FLOOR IS LAVA! This has sparked interest in volcanos for many of the children, so we watched some videos on volcanos and then the children enjoyed making their own, some making so many volcanos we had enough to represent the Pacific islands! 😊

During the wet weather we've had fun with puzzles and other table games which used matching shapes matching pairs. The children were developing their fine motor skills when we had pasta and tweezers on the tuff tray.

We made the most of the dry spells by getting down to the garden to get it ready for our Spring planting. We are also looking for a small wheel barrow, if anyone has one that they would like to donate to us it would be an amazing help!



This coming week we have lots of exciting things planned. We will be making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and making our home-grown leeks into leek and potato soup. We will be going into the garden as much as possible to tidy up and prepare the ground for planting.

A BIG THANKYOU – Thank you to Rob Twyman for providing and putting down the wood chip in the forest area. It is very much appreciated and makes all the difference underfoot so that the forest area can be used in all weathers.

COVID-19 – As many adults and teenagers are now fully vaccinated and boosted, there is now a very low risk of a severe illness from catching Covid. Boris Johnson's announcement last week removed the **legal requirement** to self-isolate. However, the **advice** from the Department of Education is that adults and children who test positive should continue to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. This advice remains in place until April 1st 2022.

At the pre-school we continue to fully ventilate our space and follow our Covid cleaning protocols. Covid is still very much part of our life's and if you have symptoms of Covid we advise both staff and children to stay home and get tested.

Apprentice – We are still 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.

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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