

Goudhurst Village Pre-school



NEWSLETTER

21ST MARCH 2022

Finally some sunny weather last week! The children spent time creating happy homes for mini beasts in our woods using old baskets, cardboard, straw and horse hay. It was lots of fun filling the holes and feeling the different textures.

They had some fabulous singing sessions with the musical instruments and were particularly good at singing 'Spider-Man'!

The playground was a wonderful treat, and everyone showed off their climbing skills on the big apparatus. Indoor time was full of surprises with our new sensory gel pads. They squish and change colour when we stand on them. The children loved to jump, walk and roll on them.



This coming week the children will be making something special for this coming Sunday (ssssshhh!!). We will be outside in the sunshine, so could you please make sure your child comes into setting with a sunhat. We will be planting sunflowers ready for our sponsored event, which will include a 20% donation to the Ukrainian appeal. Details of our sponsored event will be given out in setting during the week.

Charity cake sale – 31st March in aid of Ukraine refugees. – Outside the pre-school at pick up time. We are looking for willing bakers! Please bring cash on the day and support this event. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Harriet (07342984322) or Leela (07874 383829).

Clothing sale & Treasure Hunt – 7th May – Please save the date! More information to follow.

Busy at pick up on Monday 21st – Please note there is a burial at 3.20pm so the church and surrounding area will be busy. Please allow yourself enough time to get to pre-school.

Donations needed – We are looking for some all-in-one waterproof suits for 5-6year olds if you happen to have any looking for a new home, we would love to have them. If you are having a clear out, we are looking for donations of a wheelbarrow, pots, pans, kitchen utensils and wicker baskets to add to our mud kitchen. If you have any of the above, you would be willing to donate they would be very gratefully received.

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? Do you have experience in HR, finance, fundraising, websites, policies, secretarial, organising, or do you simply have a passion for our village and our growing pre-schooler population?

It is a fun way to be part of the pre-school and guide the setting to further success in the future. 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.

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 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.

Pre-School Fee's – Please be reminded that 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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