



## NEWSLETTER

28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022

What a busy week last week. Happy Mothers Day to all our wonderful Mummy's and carers. We hope you had a lovely day on Sunday. The children worked very hard on creating special cards. We hope you liked them.

We also lovingly planted all our sunflower seeds in our garden for the 'Tallest Sunflower' competition. With the sun shining and the weather warm we were out on the decking playing with sand, water and games in the shade of the tents. In the woods we got out the musical instruments and had a wonderful sing along. To finish off the week we had an explosion of artistic expression with paint. The children created some amazing master pieces!



This coming week we will be creating Easter arts and crafts.

Reverend Rachel has kindly invited the children to take part in an Easter egg hunt in her garden on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Children who attend a Friday session will arrive and finish as normal, all other children are very welcome to come at 11.15am. These children will need to be picked up at 12.00noon. All Friday children will have a 3.3-pm pick up as normal. Any questions please speak to Jo or Kat.

We would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter break and hope you enjoy some much needed family time and of course an abundance of chocolate!

**30hr Funding** – As of this week we have allocated all our places for 30hr funding. This can change, but for now we can no longer accept any more children for 30hr funded places. Any queries please contact Zoe Bedford-Cooper, our business manager.

**Charity cake sale – 31<sup>st</sup> 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 – 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Please save the date! More information to follow.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Fees – 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](mailto:zoeggvp@gmail.com) I am always available should you wish to discuss any aspect of your pre-school experience 07766 553728 / [jaynegvp@gmail.com](mailto: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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