

# Goudhurst Village Pre-school



## NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022

A lovely week was had by the children. Being the first week of Spring, we planted some beautiful primroses in our garden. We were delighted to harvest some beautiful leeks too which we later cooked up into a delicious leek and potato Soup. The children followed the instructions from the recipe, peeled and chopped the vegetables. They were amazing, some top little chefs in the making!

We brought some of the early Spring inside for the art table to inspire us. Tuesday was Pancake-day, and we couldn't let that pass without enjoying some freshly cooked pancakes.

As always, we had lots of adventures in the woods and when it got a bit too wet, we came in for some fun with the parachute.



This coming week we have lots more exciting things planned. We will be painting more Spring pictures, looking at Spring flowers that have bloomed. We will be planting seeds in the garden and making dens in the woods.

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.

**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.

**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](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?** 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](mailto: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](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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