

Goudhurst Village Pre-school



NEWSLETTER

19th APRIL 2022

Happy Easter to all our families. We hope you had a good break and enjoyed making lots of memories with your children.

As the weather is now warmer, could we please ask you to provide a named sun hat which can be left at the setting. We would also ask that you apply sunscreen to your child before they come to pre-school.

This week we will be spending as much time as possible outside, making dens and camps in the woods. Tidying and planting in the garden, riding the bikes and ride ons out the front and having races on the Village Green.

We hope your sunflowers are growing well, if you need a new one, please ask one of the team.



Clothing sale & Treasure Hunt – Saturday 7th May – Please save the date in your diaries and tell your friends and family! More information to follow.

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.

Donations needed – We are looking for some all-in-one waterproof suits for 5-6 year 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 – At the end of March the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England.

Free Covid tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff. Guidance advises:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or

childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

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,

Jayne Russell & Jo Galloway

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