

# Goudhurst Village Pre-school



## NEWSLETTER

9th May 2022

The term is going so fast, with only two more weeks to half term and then another week to all the jubilee celebrations.

Last week we got all the dressing up clothes out, which the children mixed and matched creating some fantastic new characters and imaginative games together. The tuff tray became a work site filled with dirt and dumper trucks which created LOADS of fun. Then in the woods we mixed it with water in the mud kitchen. There were cakes, biscuits and all sorts of tasty treats being made. After all that baking and cooking, we practiced our balancing and climbing. Just look how good we are!



This coming week we will be continuing with our Jubilee preparations for the last day of this term. We will be making crowns, table decorations and bunting.

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** If anyone has any red fabric it would be very gratefully received.

**WE ARE RECRUITING: Pre-school Assistant – Full Time –** We are on the lookout for a friendly pre-school assistant, to join our team, Monday – Friday 8.30am–3.45pm. If you or someone you know is interested, please email [jaynegvp@gmail.com](mailto:jaynegvp@gmail.com) with your CV for an application form or call 07766 553728 simply to find out more.

**Jubilee Party** – We would like to announce that on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** we will be celebrating the Queens Jubilee by holding our own street party within the pre-school grounds. We invite ALL of the children to attend wearing red, white and blue. We will be making crowns over the next few weeks so that they can be worn on the day.

We would like to ask for donations of food for the children to share and if possible, some parents to help. Please see Jo or a member of the team if you think you are available. A list for food will be available for people to sign up to next week.

**Jubilee Celebrations – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 7pm** – We are hosting for the village, the showing of ‘Adventure in the Hopfields’ with refreshments and cockney music before the Beacon lighting to kick off the Jubilee weekend celebrations. Please come and join us at 7pm. If you could bake a cake/cupcakes for the event that would be amazing too. Let Jayne know ([jaynegvp@gmail.com](mailto:jaynegvp@gmail.com)). We are also looking for helpers.

**Sponsored Sunflower Competition** – Thank you for such great support. Money is still coming in, but this raised over £1,500 which is incredible. Thank you so much for your support.

**Important Notice** – Can everyone please check that the sun cream they are applying to their child does not have any almond oil in it. Nivea products do!

**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.

**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** – 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.

**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,

Jayne Russell & Jo Galloway

Goudhurst Village Pre-school

Registered Charity No. 1152404

Jayne Russell: Chair/Trustee: [jaynegvp@gmail.com](mailto:jaynegvp@gmail.com) Tel: 07766 553728

Jo Galloway: Manager [joannegvp@gmail.com](mailto:joannegvp@gmail.com) Tel: 07483 262753

[www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk](http://www.goudhurstvillagepreschool.co.uk)

<https://www.facebook.com/GoudhurstVillagePreSchool>