

# Goudhurst Village Pre-school



## NEWSLETTER

12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

Jo and the staff were blown away with how well the first week went and were very grateful for the wonderful comments and parent support. Children settled well and with your help drop off and pick up ran smoothly. A great week and a big thank you to all our families.



This week: Our theme for this week continues to be 'All About Me'. Could we request that children bring in a baby picture of themselves if they have not already, as part of this theme. We will be looking at where children live, likes and dislikes, what makes up families, who children live with and how we are all different and special.

Our colour for the week is 'blue'. Could you encourage your child to look out for and recognise things that are blue in our environment and at home so that they can share this with other children in setting.



We will be outside as much as possible making use of the wonderful outdoor spaces so please remember to send your child in appropriate clothes for the weather. We will start posting pictures of our activities so you can follow on our closed Facebook page. (see below).

Queen Elizabeth (1926-2022): It is with the deepest sadness that the community and the world mourn the death of Her Majesty the Queen. She will be remembered with gratitude and honour for her life of unwavering service to her country, to the Commonwealth and to her people. We offer our sincere condolences to His Majesty King Charles III and The Queen Consort and The Royal Family. The entire country has now entered into a period of national mourning which will last until the end of the State Funeral which will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, a day which has been declared a bank holiday.

We await further guidance from the DFE as to exactly what that means for pre-school settings and will message you as soon as we know.



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.

Photographer: Sarah our photographer will be coming in to take the children's pictures during the term. Please watch this space for the date once it has been confirmed.

The Village Fete – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September: The pre-school will be running a treasure hunt. Please watch this space for more information.

**This term:** This term runs from Monday 5th September to Friday 21st October.

**Trustees:** 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.

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 [zoegvyp@gmail.com](mailto:zoegvyp@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**

**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 will be a lot of winter colds going round, and if we can protect ourselves against the spread of these that has to be a good thing.

**Drop off and pick up times:** Drop off time in the morning is between 8.50 – 9.10 / Pick up time is between 3.20 – 3.30. Lunchtime drop off and pick up is 12.00 or 1.00 prompt.

If you would like to drop or pick up at any other time this needs to be arranged in advance with Jo or Kat.

We hope you understand that these are very busy times for our staff and can be unsettling for children hence we do not allow parents into the church rooms during drop off but you are welcome to come in when collecting your child.

**Allergies and lunch safety:** We have many children who attend pre-school that are all different and who can be allergic to many different things so we have very strict rules. Please be reminded of the following:

**Sun Cream:** 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!

**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.

**What to bring to setting:** We request that your child comes to setting each session with a small bag containing a full change of clothes and a pack of wipes, an appropriate coat for the weather (rain coat / thin summer coat / warm thick winter coat), nappies if needed and a named water bottle. We request that children do not wear crocks, sandals or slider shoes in the woodland area for health and safety reason so trainers or shoes are recommended for wearing to pre-school.

If your child is expected in setting and is ill and has to take a sick day, then please ring the setting asap before they are due to come in to let us know: 01580 212777 / 07483 262753.

Many thanks,

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