

Goudhurst Village Pre-school



NEWSLETTER

26TH SEPTEMBER 2022

We hope that you all enjoyed the Village Fete on Saturday if you made it and we were lucky that the rain held off for the majority of the event. A big thankyou to everyone that came and supported the treasure hunt in the woods on the day and also a massive thank you to everyone who has donated apples over the last week.



The past two weeks we have been very busy: We've had some very wet days in the past two weeks, but we've not let it dampen our spirits. We have been singing and dancing with the musical instruments and practicing all sorts of hand, eye coordination with pasta, tweezers and bead and magnetic mazes.

Lots of energy was burnt off playing with the ride on toys and we saw some very impressive balance skills being displayed on scooters and bikes. We have been out on the field with bubbles and ribbons and lots of smiles. We have romped on the field with balls and hoops and had pirate adventures in the woods, making a ship out of crates and tyres. We have also turned some large boxes on the decking into all sorts of wonderful things.

As it was so wet on Friday we explored with paint, imaginative play indoors and even did some Cosmic Yoga which the children really enjoyed!

All the children have settled in wonderfully and have shown this in many ways, particularly at story time when they all sit beautifully listening.



This coming week: This week, until the end of term we will be looking at the change of season. Its such a wonderful time of year. Autumn brings so much change and an abundance of natural produce. We will be looking at the colours of the leaves and the harvest of different fruits around us.

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

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, HOUMOUS 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.

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.

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.

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

Our pre-school team: Our team, Jo, Kat, Mary, Dee, Emily and Christina and of course our business manager Zoe are fabulous, and they make your child's experience in setting the best it can be each day. Please talk to Jo, Kat or your child's key worker if you have anything you would like to discuss.

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 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 zoeggv@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

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.

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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