

# Goudhurst Village Pre-school



## NEWSLETTER

3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2022

Another week whizzed by, and we were busy as always at Pre-School. The bikes and ride on toys were out and some very impressive balance and peddling skills were on display.

Colour matching and building was our theme of the week with lots of different resources out and we were amazed by the children's imagination.

The indoor climbing frame came out for the first time this term much to the delight of all the children who were quick to climb, slide and hide. There was some very good British queuing going on as well.



Some mini-beast investigating was had upon the discovery of a centipede on the decking, which sparked much discussion about legs, numbers and antennas.



**Amazon Wish List:** We would like to announce that we have started a 'Wish List' on Amazon.

If you would like to contribute to the pre-school, we have set up a wish list of resources and items that would be really useful in setting and could be enjoyed by all the children. Please have a look at the link below and purchase what you feel you can.

[http://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1DUYMW2J15A17?ref\\_=wl\\_share](http://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1DUYMW2J15A17?ref_=wl_share)

**This coming week:** This week, until the end of term we will be looking at the change of season, particularly Autumn. We will be cooking pumpkin soup using one of our pre-school grown pumpkins. We will also use different fruits and vegetables to paint with.

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

**Photographer:** Sarah our photographer will be coming in to take the children's pictures on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Photos from 9:00 for those who do not usually attend a Tuesday session. 📷

**Nativity:** This will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December in St Mary's Church. Refreshments are being served from 10:30 with the performance starting at 11:00. 🌟 We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Staffing:** We are very lucky to welcome Emma Jocham to the pre-school team who will be working on Mondays and as cover when it is needed. We hope you share our excitement at having her join the team.

**Voluntary Contributions:** The pre-school is very grateful to those parents who have paid their voluntary contributions over the last two terms. In the current term you have so far paid £320 collectively. The pre-school will be spending these contributions on resources and equipment and items for our outdoor areas, we will let you know the specifics once they have been ordered. Voluntary Contribution payments received each term are set aside and used directly to buy pre-school equipment and resources that we would otherwise not be able to afford. These contributions are directly to benefit your child's pre-school experience with us and each term we will tell you how much has been received and what we have invested it in for your children. Many thanks for continuing to support us in this way.

**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.

**Funding:** We have limited space for 30hr funding left, (only two spaces). Please look at the childcare choice's website if you think you're entitled to funding other than the universal 15hrs, and it will help you work out what is available to you.

**Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK**

Please also speak to our Business Manager Zoe if you have any queries and she can try and help.

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

**Our pre-school team:** Our team, Jo, Kat, Mary, Dee, Emily, Christina, Emma 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:** WE NEED YOU!! WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW CHAIR OF 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 [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

**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,

Jayne Russell & Jo Galloway

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