

# Goudhurst Village Pre-school



## NEWSLETTER

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We hope that your children continued to settle and enjoy their sessions last week. Lots of fun was had. The dressing up box was out and we were visited by Superhero's, Princesses and Monsters!!

With the first signs of Autumn dusting the trees we went for a walk down to the village pond to find some conkers. It was a beautiful sunny day and the children walked superbly in a long snake all the way there AND back.

Indoors fine motor skills were practiced with threading toys and as we played at the sand table in the sun. We could almost believe we were at the seaside.



Thank you to everyone who has donated apples to us. They have been munched on at snack time and even baked into a delicious cake by all our very talented tiny bakers.

**This coming week:** This week, until the end of term we will be looking at the change of season, particularly Autumn. It's such a wonderful time of year. Autumn brings so much change and so much wonderful colour around us. We will be looking at the colours of the leaves and the harvest of different fruits around us and what we can find in the countryside.

Our colour this week will be red. Could you encourage your child to look out for and recognise things that are red 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.

**Funding:** We have been made aware of a few parents whose 30hrs funding did not go through this term and are working with them and KCC to see if something can be done. If you are eligible for 30hrs funding, please make sure that you inform Jo and our Business Manager Zoe that you are and supply them with your code each time it is issued. Many thanks in advance.

**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](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,

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