

Goudhurst Village Pre-school



NEWSLETTER

21ST NOVEMBER 2022

Thank you to all the parent and carers that have been into setting over the last two weeks to help with crafts and play with the children. It has been wonderful to see you and for you to see what it's like in setting and lend a helping hand. We very much look forward to welcoming more of you in over the next three weeks.

Staffing: It is with sadness that at the end of term we say farewell to Emily who has been a joy to have as part of the pre-school team. She brought with her an abundance of enthusiasm, acting, singing and puppetry skills, plus was just wonderful with the children. We wish her every success as she progresses with her career. Emma who already works with us on a Monday will be extending her hours and working with us on a Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Emma is already a fantastic member of the team and we very much welcome her for extra days after Christmas.

Recruitment: We are seeking a friendly **pre-school assistant**, to join our team after Christmas, Monday – Friday 8.30am–3.45pm. We are open to applications from anyone who would like to embark on their level 3 training, is already qualified or would like to work with children. If you or someone you know is interested, please email jaynegvp@gmail.com with your CV for an application form or call 07766 553728 simply to find out more. Thank you!

TRUSTEES: IMPORTANT NOTICE! WE NEED YOU!! WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE NEW TRUSTEES TO JOIN THE TEAM! Would you, your parents, friends, or family be interested in joining the committee?? Are you interested in guiding our village pre-school forward on its path of success? I will be stepping down as Chair in the next term after five years and it would be lovely to see it in good hands with a strong committee. Please get in touch if you feel you can offer the time to join the team.

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.

Primary School Admissions:

Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2023

Apply online at
[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Opens Friday 4 November 2022 and closes at
midnight on Monday 16 January 2023

For children born between
1 September 2018
and **31 August 2019**,
Transferring to Primary school
in **September 2023**

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 4 November 2022** and closes at midnight on **Monday 16 January 2023**.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted. You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Monday 17 April 2023**) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Monday 1 May 2023**. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email. If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Friday 4 November 2022	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 16 January 2023	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 17 April 2023	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 1 May 2023	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Friday 12 May 2023	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk or kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.



Last week: Last week dressing up and drawing were the order of the week as we sheltered inside from the down pouring rain. There was a small table and BIG floor drawing activities resulting in fabulous pictures and take-home creations. Pasta play was in the tuff tray which the children used wonderful descriptive words, "sticky" "slimy", to describe what it felt like. We all laughed when someone said it looked like wiggly worms 🐛.

A big thank you to Jasper, Miles and Arthur's mums as well as Frankie's Grandma and Auntie who came to play with us! It was a real treat to have you stay.

Admiral Sally Sealife visited on Thursday and took us on an underwater adventure in her submarine. We even got to look and hold a real-life baby shark, egg and tooth along with other ocean treasures.

Then just like the song "Out came the sun and dried up all the rain" we made the most of the sunshine on the decking exploring with sand, trucks and construction.



This coming week: we are continuing to organise our Christmas activities and practice our Nativity singing as well as lots of exciting activities.

Craft and Christmas activity HELP: We would still like a little help from parents and carers and would like to invite you to come in to setting to help with crafts and Christmas activities. If you can spare an hour or so, please speak to Jo and the team

General help in setting: If you or anyone in the family would like to come into the setting to help with crafting, storytelling or talk about their jobs please let us know, we love having visitors.

Christmas Hamper Donations and raffle: We still collecting items for our yearly Christmas hamper raffle. Thank you to those who have already put their name down and handed in items. Please let us know at drop off or pick up if you can donate something for the hampers. Any donation large or small is very gratefully received.

Nativity: Our Christmas Nativity will take place on Wednesday 14th 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. Reminder that we still have a selection of Nativity costumes. If you would like to borrow one for your child, please speak to us at drop off or pick up to see what we have.



Village Late Night Shopping on Saturday 26th November – Grotto will be open in our wood for visitors to Santa between 3.00–6.00pm: Sadly, due to circumstances beyond our control, we are very sad to report that we have had to cancel our Christmas grotto. Our apologies to those of you who were hoping to come.

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

Children's end of term Christmas Party – Friday 16th December: more details to follow.

Coats and warm clothing at pre-school: As the weather has turned with the changing of the clocks. A reminder that named coats should come to setting everyday as we get outside come rain or shine. Please could you make sure that hats, scarves, and gloves are also named.

Voluntary Contributions: The pre-school is very grateful to those parents who have paid their voluntary contributions over the last two terms. 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 currently have no availability for 30hr funding. 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 Tuesday 1st November to Friday 16th December. Christmas Holidays are from Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January.

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 regarding your child's day in setting.

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 I am always available should you wish to discuss any aspect of your pre-school experience 07766 553728 / jaynegvp@gmail.com.

GENERAL NOTICES

Church Rooms Cleaner: The Church Rooms are looking for a cleaner, £12 an hour for a couple of hours on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact Becky Addis on 01580 211739.

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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