

Goudhurst Village Pre-school



NEWSLETTER

12TH DECEMBER 2022

So, we have all made it to the final week of term and what an exciting one it has started out to be! Lots of snow!! It looks beautiful but please make sure you stay safe as with temperatures of -2 predicted overnight it is going to be very slippery in the morning! We have a fun packed last week of term and are very much looking forward to it.

A big thank you should be extended to all our staff for their dedication and commitment to the children and setting over the last term. You have been amazing! 😊.

We also say farewell to Emily Allen and wish her lots of luck and love as she moves to pastures new!! You will be sorely missed by all.

Strep A: We have had a confirmed case of a child with strep A that is linked to the preschool. Please read the attached NHS information and if you have any concerns about your child's health please speak to your GP or NHS 111.

Strep A - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

This coming week: We will be making more Christmas goodies and putting together our Christmas crafts for the children to take home

Nativity: Our Christmas Nativity will take place on Wednesday in St Mary's Church. There will be refreshments for parents and families to enjoy from 10:30 kindly provided by the church, with the performance starting at 11:00. ☀ if your child doesn't attend a Wednesday session, please bring them to the Church in their costumes. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Children's end of term Christmas Party – Friday 16th December: The party will start at 11am for those children that do not usually come on Friday. Normal start time for Friday session children. If you haven't signed up to bring an item of party food, there are still things on the list so please ask Jo or Kat. Please remember that children **WILL NOT** need a packed lunch on Friday.

Raffle Tickets: Please remember to bring your raffle tickets and money back before Friday. The draw will take place at the party..

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.

Last week: We continued with our preparations of decorating, singing and even baking for Christmas. Our Advent window is on display which the children so expertly decorated. For those who don't know about this village tradition, there is a new window on display somewhere in the village every day leading up to Christmas Day. We are December 2nd, so come take a picture of ours, post it on the village Facebook and hunt for the rest.

A big thank you to Raefe's mummy who came in to help us make tasty mince pies. All these exciting treats and crafts will be coming home this week in a bag of Christmas cheer made with love by every child at Pre-School. With such beautiful frosty days, we wandered and explored the fields around the preschool which proved a delightful break in the fresh air where we examined the stunning frosty wonderland around us.



General help in setting: A big thank you to everyone who has been in to play and make decoration, everyone has really enjoyed having visitors in.

Amazon Wish List: 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

Primary School Admissions:

Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2023

Apply online at 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	Apply for a school place	Receiving your offer
<p>It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.</p> <p>Read the guide to Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.</p> <p>You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.</p>	<p>A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Friday 4 November 2022 and closes at midnight on Monday 16 January 2023.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	

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/schoolsappeals . 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

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.

Coats and warm clothing at pre-school: As the weather has turned very cold, 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. This term we have received £460, out of £1,190 invoiced. 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.

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

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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