

Goudhurst Village Pre-school



NEWSLETTER

WEEK BEGINNING 24TH APRIL 2023



Wow what a busy first week at Pre-School! The weather was kind for the majority of it, so the children were able to get outside. They enjoyed time in the woods, making mud pies and climbing trees. They have also had fun mark making, using lots of different media and materials.

As you are all aware we were visited by Kelly from Ofsted on Thursday 23rd March. We are very pleased to announce that at the Ofsted Inspection on the 23rd March, Goudhurst Village Pre-School was given a grading of '**Outstanding**' in all areas.

This amazing outcome is testament to the efforts of the whole team. Jo, as Manager, and all the staff work incredibly hard every day to ensure that your children are happy and have a very positive experience and all staff have great relationships with you all, as parents. Zoe our Business Manager, and all the Trustees work behind the scenes to make sure that things run seamlessly, and the grading is well deserved, and the whole team should be congratulated on such a fabulous outcome.

We also would like to thank you as parents, for such great support and such positive feedback.

Term Dates: .

- Monday 1st May is May Day and Pre-School is closed.
- Friday 5th May AM- we have a visit from Cranbrook Fire Brigade. PM we will celebrate the kings coronation with a tea party 2-3pm (we would be grateful for a small donation of cupcake sized cakes. All children welcome and if the weather is kind to us we can welcome parents/carers too)
- Monday 8th May is the Coronation Bank holiday and Pre-School is closed.
- Friday 26th May is the last day of term.
- Half term holiday Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
- Monday 5th June is the first day of term.
- Friday 21st July - Last day of summer term



This coming week.

The children will hopefully have a lot of opportunities to get outside this week. We will be out in the garden, weeding, planting and watering, learning all about how the plants grow.

We will then pull our leeks and look at recipe books to find instructions on making leek and potato soup. The children will learn how to cut up the ingredients carefully and take it in turns.

The colour for the week will be brown. Please encourage your child/children to look for items that are brown when at home or when out and about and bring items into Pre-school to share with the group.



Sponsored Bunny Bounce: Thank you for all your support at the sponsored bunny bounce. We shall let you know asap what was raised and what it will be spent on.

Strep A and other illnesses: 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)

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.

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? The Pre-School is a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation), which is good news for trustees as it limits personal liability. 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.

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

Funding: We currently have no availability for 30hr funding. If you are looking and are eligible, please speak to Zoe to go on our waiting list for a place. 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.

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 £349 so far, out of £1,320 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.

Our Pre-School team: Our team, Jo, Kat, Mary, Dee, Christina, Emma, Amy 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.

We are also on the lookout for another staff member: please see advertisement below.

Pre-school Assistant – Maternity Cover – immediate start

Goudhurst Village Pre-school is on the lookout for a friendly **pre-school assistant**, to join our team, Tuesday – Thursday 8.30am-3.45pm. 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!

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.

Many thanks,
Minty Meade & Jo Galloway
Goudhurst Village Pre-school

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Coronation events:

We'd like to encourage all children to attend the Coronation events below but in particular the showing of the Lion King on Saturday 6th at 9.15 and the Kings, Queens, princess and princes fancy dress competition at 2.30 - 3pm.

Events Saturday 6th May – Coronation Day

- 8:30 Marquee opens for coffee, teas and pastries
- 9:00 Market and food stalls will set-up
- 9:15 Saturday Morning Cinema – **The Lion King**. Popcorn and Ice cream will be served.
- 10:50 The **Coronation 'Live'**
- 13:00 Lunch is served! Hog Roast, Barbecue, vegetarian and much more
- 13:30 GADS – **Majesty and Mischief** – a sideways look a monarchy
- 15:00 **Kings, Queens**, Princess and Prince Competition – Two classes pre-school and 5 and up
- 16:30 Junior Disco
- 18:00 **Barn Dance**

Events Sunday 6th May – A New Reign Begins

- 8:30 Marquee opens for coffee, teas and pastries.
- 9:00 **Pilates** (bring a mat if you have one!) if you have not tried it now's the time!
- 9:00 **First Aid** Training. If you don't know how to use the village defibrillator in the village now is the time to find out.
- 9:30 Market stalls setting up
- 9:30 **Junior Park run**. Open to anyone - challenge your children to a race around the Village Green.
- 10:00 Classic Cars
- 10:30 **Traditional games** - skittles, stocks, giant Jenga Quoits etc. – try your hand or bring your own games and show us how it's done – Prizes!!
- 12:00 **Kilndown Choir** will open the afternoon with song
- 13:00 Grab some lunch from the Barbecue and our other food stalls
- 13:00 Weald-of-Kent **Morris side** will dance
- 13:30 **Open-Mike** – a chance to showcase talent in the Parish
- 14:30 **Mama-Mia** – Sing-a-long
- 16:30 Coronation **Cake competition** – judged by Scott from the Star and Eagle
- 16:30 Our Tea Dance will begin – Try some of the prize winning cake!
- 17:00 **Marvellous Mo** and the Backline Ferrets – dancing and the close of our weekend

