



NEWSLETTER

WEEK BEGINNING 22nd MAY 2023

Please note, Back Lane will be closed from the pond end to The Star & Eagle from Monday 22.5.23 – Friday 26.5.23. There will still be access to the Pre-school from the Church Rooms end.

We have had a treat this week, with lots of visiting pets. The children have taken turns, holding, feeding and stroking them. They were all very caring and gentle.

There was great excitement on Monday when Ellie brought in 9 miniature dachshund puppies (all looking for forever homes) 🐶

On Tuesday, Nell arrived on horseback and rode Rosebud to pre-school. She also brought along Iris and Georgina, her two Guinea pigs. 🐾

Suzie's dog Nancy came in on Wednesday morning, the children enjoyed watching her tricks. 🐕

Yesterday, we had two visitors, Zack's speedy tortoise and Tabitha's dog Moss. 🐢

Today, Isabelle's arrived with Flopsy and Mopsy, her rabbits. The children enjoyed trying to feed them carrots. 🐰



A big Thank you to everyone who took the time to bring their animals in.

#### Term Dates: .

- 22nd-26th May Pirate week, children are encouraged to dress up during the week
- Friday 26th May is the last day of term.
- Half term holiday Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June is first day of term
- Thursday 20th July sports day, leavers presentations and picnic
- Friday 21st July - Last day of summer term, family trip out

This coming week.

This week is Pirate week. We will be finding treasure in the woods and counting how many coins we can find.

We will be making Pirate Ships in the woods and on the decking, using various media and materials. The children can dress up as Pirates on any day of the week.

Look out for the skull & crossbones, Pirate hats and maybe even a few Pirate parrots around the setting.

We will be taking the children to see the real life Pirate stone in the churchyard.

The colour this week is Gold and Silver

Please note, coats should be brought to every session, as even though it is getting warmer, it can still be a bit chilly in the woods.

### **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](mailto:jaynegvp@gmail.com) with your CV, for an application form or call 07766 553728 simply to find out more. Thank you!

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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://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](mailto: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](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 advert below.

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.

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

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# Tunbridge Wells District Children's Centres

**BOOKINGS**

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## HALF-TERM TIMETABLE 29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June

	<b>Little Forest</b> Friars Way Tunbridge Wells TN2 3JA Mon-Fri 8.50am-4.50pm	<b>Harmony</b> High Street Rusthall TN4 8BZ Tues, Wed & Fri 8.50am-2.00pm	<b>The Ark</b> Broadwater Lane Tunbridge Wells TN2 5RP Mon, Tues & Thur 8.50am-4.50pm	<b>Southborough</b> Broomhill Park Road Southborough TN4 0DY Tues & Wed 8.50am-4.50pm	<b>Cranbrook</b> Carriers Road Cranbrook TN17 3ST Mon-Fri 8.50am-4.50pm	<b>Paddock Wood</b> Wesley Centre Paddock Wood TN12 6DS Thur 9.30am-12.00pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>					
Tuesday May 30 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Make &amp; Do Fun-Time</b> 9.30-11.00 For ages 0-8 years Baby area available		 <b>BOOKING REQUIRED</b> <b>'Family Sports'</b> 2.00-3.30 For ages 3-11 years Baby area available		<b>Baby Time</b> 10.00-11.30 Suitable for babies/pre-walkers 
Wednesday May 31 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Baby Time</b> 10.00-11.30 Suitable for babies/pre-walkers 	<b>Childminders Group</b> 9.30-11.30  <b>Kinship Carers Walk, Talk &amp; Picnic</b> 12.00-2.00 Calverley Grounds TN1 1SJ	<b>Make &amp; Do Fun-Time</b> 9.30-11.00 For ages 0-8 years 	<b>Make &amp; Do Fun-Time</b> 1.15-2.45 Baby area available	
Thursday June 1 <sup>st</sup>			<b>Teddy Bears Picnic with Arts &amp; Crafts</b> 12.30-2.00 For ages 0-8 years Baby area available 			<b>Teddy Bears Picnic with Arts &amp; Crafts</b> 12.30-2.00 For ages 0-8 years Baby area available 
Friday June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	 <b>Make &amp; Do Fun-Time</b> 9.30-11.00 For ages 0-8 years Baby area available				<b>Baby Time</b> 10.00-11.30 Suitable for babies/pre-walkers <b>SEND Playtime</b> 1.30-3.00 For ages 0-8 years BOOKING REQUIRED	





FREE



# FAMILY SPORTS HALF-TERM EVENT

Obstacle Races

Physical  
Challenges

When:

Tuesday 30 May

Time:

2.00-3.30pm

Where:

School Field

Southborough Primary School

Broomhill Park Road

TN4 0JY

For ages  
3-11 years

Baby/Toddler  
Area available if  
required



HAVE FUN !

**BOOKING REQUIRED**

Tel: 03000 418059 Email: [Tunbridgewellscc@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Tunbridgewellscc@kent.gov.uk)

