



## NEWSLETTER

WEEK BEGINNING 3rd July 2023



The children have had a fun week at pre-school.

On thursday afternoons Juliette comes in and teaches the children French. They play games, sing songs and learn lots of french words.

The windy weather was perfect for playing with ribbons and bubbles on the field.

**SPORTS DAY- THURSDAY 20TH JULY. START AT 10:30 PROMPT. FOLLOWED BY LEAVERS PRESENTATION AND A FAMILY PICNIC.**

**SUMMER TRIP- DUNORLAN PARK FRIDAY 21ST JULY. CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. We have a parent with 2 children who doesn't drive, is anyone able to offer a space in their car?**



### Term Dates: .

- Thursday 20th July sports day, leavers presentations and picnic
- Friday 21st July - Last day of summer term, family trip out

This coming week.

We will have more chances to keep practicing for sports day on the field this week.

We will also be in the woods building dens and dreamcatchers, watering the plants with recycled water and measuring the sunflowers.

Our trip to Dunorlan Park in Tunbridge Wells is for everyone, but children will need to be accompanied by an adult. We aim to meet at 9:30 in the car park near to Hawkesbury. If you are unable to come with your child please organize someone to give a lift. We will be leaving around 1pm to be back for school pick up.

Please let Jo or Kat know if you are planning to come.

Please make sure that your child has sun cream applied before they arrive for their session. If you still need to supply some, please hand in a named bottle at the door at drop off. We will reapply for all day children after lunch.

If sandals are worn please can children also bring in a pair of suitable shoes (and socks), for running on the field and playing 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 Hannah [hannahngvp@gmail.com](mailto:hannahngvp@gmail.com) with your CV, for an application form or speak to Jo 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 above.

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. 07789266034/ [araminta.meade@me.com](mailto:araminta.meade@me.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,  
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Goudhurst Village Pre-school

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