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Newsletter

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and words of encouragement – we would not be here without you.

Sessions for September 2017

Please let Pam know in writing the days/sessions you would like your child to do in September 2017.

Spaces for September 2017

We have spaces for September – please recommend us to your family, friends and neighbours. If there are any siblings who would like to go on the waiting list, please download a registration form from the website or ask Pam.

Date for the diary

Summer Family Day Trip to Maldon Promenade Park

Wednesday 12th July

Arrive for 10am

followed by a picnic in the park

Splash park tickets £2.50 and parking £5. Let Pam know if a wrist band is needed for 10.30 slot so she can book in advance.

Please note Little Doves will be closed that day.

Important for parents/carers of funded children

Essex County Council require us to verify the postcode where your child lives and therefore please bring in some form of identification to enable us to do this. e.g. driving licence, utilities bill.

Also, we need to see your child's birth certificate to verify their date of birth so please bring this in as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.

Summer Clothes for Little Doves Sensible Footwear

Please send your child in sensible footwear – **NO** sandals or flip-flops with open toes. Unprotected toes can easily get injured. Plimsolls, Doodles or trainers are ideal.

Sun Hats & Sun cream

Please remember to put **sun cream** on your child on sunny days and remember their **sun hat** – the children can be playing in the outside play area for most of the day.

End of term Party

The last day of term will be **Friday 21st July** and we will be having a party for all the children to celebrate – more details to follow.

Little Urchins Photographer

will be visiting the pre-school on Friday 23rd June in the morning. The theme is superheroes and it is open to all the children. Please support this as it is a good fundraiser – a percentage of the sales of the photos are given to the pre-school.

Bentley St Paul's School visit

For children going to Bentley St Paul's school in September, Mrs Larkin will be visiting the pre-school on **Friday 9th June at 10am**

Parent/carer helpers

If you would like to come in and play with the children and do some arts and crafts, that would be lovely. Please sign up on the Parent/carer Rota in the corridor.

Sainsbury's Vouchers 2017

Please remember to bring in your vouchers. We nearly have 6000!!

Sports and Family Fun Day

Thursday 20th July

More details to follow.

IMPORTANT

Children's Folders/Learning Journal

Please return your child's Learning Journal to the pre-school – the staff need to be able to work on these.

Navestock Village Hall

If you would like to hire the hall please contact
caretaker@navestockvillagehall
or speak to Pam

Junk Modelling

We urgently need donations of junk modelling e.g. cardboard boxes, kitchen roll tubes etc for our arts and crafts.

Staff Training

Congratulations to Emma who completed her 'Focus on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities' training earlier this year!!

Important - Lunchboxes

Please do not put any food containing nuts in your child's lunchbox. Please cut any grapes in quarters and tomatoes in half to avoid the risk of choking.
Remember freezer packs!

Holidays

Please let Pam know if you are planning to take any holidays or day/s away from the pre-school during term time or if you have any school visits booked.

Needed!

A set of walkie talkies for use during outside play. Please see a member of staff if you have any spare.

Alfie Bear

Alfie Bear moved to Little Doves as well and would love a holiday and would like to be included in your holiday pictures. He also has some new friends who like to go on holidays too!

Labelling clothes and lunchboxes

Please remember to label your child's clothes and lunch boxes. Lots of children have the same designs.

Little Doves Badges

are available £2 each.
£5 for old stock t-shirts and a Little Doves badge.

Charity Status

The pre-school has been granted charity status which means if you are a tax payer we will be able to Gift Aid some of your donations raising money for the pre-school – more details of how you can do this will follow.

Adverts for the pre-school

If you know somewhere where you can display an A4 or A5 flier advertising that there are spaces in the pre-school for September 2017, please speak to Pam.

Important - Sign-In Register

Please can you make sure that you sign your child into the pre-school by completing the Sign-in Register in the lobby before your child enters the main hall.
Also, please remember to sign your child 'out' when you collect them.
If someone different is collecting your child, please make sure you fill in a white collection slip (for one-off arrangements) or a coloured collection slip (for regular arrangements) and **give it to a member of staff**. This is a safeguarding requirement.

Fundraising Event for St Paul's Bentley Church - this Saturday 10th June 7.30pm

'Song Cycle' - an all singing, all cycling male voice quartet.

Venue: St Paul's Church. Refreshments available with licensed bar. Tickets £10 – see Pam.

Hope we all have a lovely summer term, with love & prayers from Pam & the Little Doves team.