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## Newsletter

**Please be patient at this time - the pre-school is very busy with all the end of term arrangements, transition meetings, Leavers Learning Journals, organising the trip etc.**

### **Sessions for September 2017**

Please confirm with Pam the days/sessions you would like your child to do in September 2017 so that we can finalise hours.

### **Good News for 'Wonky' Wednesday**

From September, we will be open on the 'Wonky' Wednesday and the session will run from 9am until 12pm.  
More details to follow.

### **Don't forget to sign up for:**

### **Summer Family Day Trip to Maldon Promenade Park**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### **End of term Party with entertainer Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - 11.15am - 12.45pm**

**Voluntary contribution of £5 towards the cost of entertainer.**

Usual Friday children arrive at 9.15am.

All other children arrive at 11.15am.

Parents return at **1pm** for the presentation of the Leavers 2017 folders.

Please provide your child with a packed lunch.

### **Sports and Family Fun Day**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 11.15am**

Please buy your tickets. Extended family welcome. We are having a visit from a fire engine. Please dress your child in their team colour if possible.

We need:

- nearly new toys, clothes & books
- good quality items for our Bric-a-Brac
- raffle prizes
- a bouncy castle we can borrow

### **Bentley St Paul's School visit 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July**

If your child is going to one of these visits, please let Pam know if you will be bringing your child to Little Doves in the afternoon, and if so, what time.

### **Volunteers needed**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - 2pm for 30 minutes**

We need help to dismantle and clear away the outside play area for the summer holidays.

### **Sainsbury's Vouchers 2017**

Please remember to bring in your vouchers by **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**.

Please ask family and friends.

We are looking to get some storage containers and need as many vouchers as possible.

### **Invoices**

Please pay any outstanding invoices **ASAP**

### **Charity Status - Gift Aid Forms**

As we are a charity, and, if you are a UK tax payer and eligible to Gift Aid your donation, we can claim Gift Aid on the money you give to us. Please ask a member of staff for a Gift Aid form. This will increase your gift by 25p for every £1 given (at current rate) at no extra cost to you or us. The Gift Aid can be claimed from when we opened the pre-school so this will be a huge financial help to us.

**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.

**Little Urchins Photographs**

Please return either your payments for the photos or your unwanted photos as soon as possible. We need to return these before the end of term.

**30 Hours Childcare Funding**

Please check your eligibility using the online childcare calculator  
[www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator)

**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!

**Needed!**

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

**Labelling clothes and lunchboxes**

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

**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.

**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.

**Navestock Village Hall**

If you would like to hire the hall please contact  
[caretaker@navestockvillagehall](mailto:caretaker@navestockvillagehall)  
or speak to Pam

**Staff Training**

Rowena has started studying for her NVQ Level 2 in Childcare

**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.

**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!

**Little Doves Badges**

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

**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.

Hope you have a lovely summer, we return on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 9.15am**  
with love & prayers from Pam & the Little Doves team.