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THANK YOU

Dear Parents and Friends of Little Doves Pre School

WE DID IT. WE ARE OPEN. Thank you for all your patience and most of all support. It has been the hardest thing to do. I would not have managed it without all of you- staff, parents, friends, family and most of all prayers. There are still quite a number of things that need sorting out but they can happen whilst we are now open.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the move. It took just over 2 hours. I did not think it was possible. I really hate moving so thank you for taking away that worry. We are still trying to find things. The doorbell was found on Friday.

We have all started a new pre-school together. The children took it in their stride on the whole. All the staff that came with me are learning a whole new way of doing their job. Welcome to Maryellen who is helping me as well now. The staff now have to set up and put away the whole pre-school every day. Your co-operation with prompt pick up time is appreciated. Please can you knock on the double doors. The staff will open them but we sometimes have to come from the other end of the room. Please do not pull them as we have a lock on the door so that the children cannot get out.

We have been doing well with fundraising but this is now here to stay. Pre-schools have many overheads and we are now starting from new. There will be many things we have to pay for, moving forward into the future. If anyone has any good ideas we would love to hear them. I would like to form a team of a few people who could help co-ordinate any ideas. I would love it if my helping parents would continue to support and inspire others. I have truly appreciated all you have done.

The Quiz night on 31/3/17 was sold out. It was a brilliant evening. £1400 was raised. This was a fantastic help. Thank you Claire and family for all your hard work. It was a lovely way to end the day.

Some children are running in the 'muddy races' at the bunker this weekend. (See Claire) This is going to be good fun and hopefully raise some more funds.

Please can you keep an eye on our website www.littledovescp.org.uk Liz my administrator updates the information. It is a lovely website. I am very pleased with it.

Thank you for filling in all the masses of paperwork that we have had at the start of Little Doves. There are still a few bits outstanding. We have had to start from scratch so that is why there is so much. We have to be really precise as we are a new setting. I will need to see birth certificates please for any children claiming 3 and 4 year old funding for the first time. Thank you for printing the forms and bringing them in. There will be some others that are updates but it will not be as bad as last week. Invoices should be out shortly. We have to submit all the info to ESSEX County Council for the funding first. Invoices can be paid weekly, monthly or half termly. Cash or cheques. You can also pay by bank transfer. Please make sure you have the new bank details. I cannot retrieve money going to the wrong place.

We are still collecting SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS. Turn out your pockets and handbags. We have nearly 4000. Save as many as you can.

I would like to organise a CAR BOOT SALE before the end of term. If this is something you think you would be interested in or to help with please let me know.



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If anyone would like to be a Volunteer HELPER that would be wonderful. We need help in all areas. Setting up, packing up, snack time, crafts...please let one of us know. Rota out soon to sign up.

I will be involved in transition to school programmes. Please make sure I know where your child is going so that I can plan.

Thank you to everyone at Navestock Village Hall who have been very accommodating to Little Doves. They have helped make a lot of adaptations and also been flexible with all that we have had to do. I am especially pleased that we are able to have an outdoor play area. We can leave this up at the moment. This is Ofsted's suggestion. I know it is temporary but it does the job for now. Thank you St. Paul's church friends who assembled and supplied posts and equipment, and Bentley school for lending us the temporary fencing. I would like to plant up old children's wellingtons please. Please bring in ASAP. They could make a nice display.

I have badges for t shirts / sweatshirts or bags for sale £2 each. I also have a few t shirts in stock with new badges various sizes. £5 each to clear.

If anyone has had any allergy/medical changes since the last pre-school, please let me know.

The sun seems to be here - please remember your child's sun hat and sun protection cream.

Thank you for all your patience with everything at the moment, it is still early days. We have only been open a total of 6 days so far and things are improving daily - we got the doorbell working today!!

As you know this is a Christian Pre-school. I truly believe that God wants this pre school and for me to continue to care for his children. This is why I am here today. Bless you all for your support and most of all your prayers. May God's work continue to be blessed at Little Doves. Thank you St. Paul's church for supporting me in this venture.

With love and prayers from,
Pam and the trustees of Little Doves Christian Pre-School.