

Thank you all for the super Christmas gifts and cards – it is very much appreciated and we all felt very spoilt 😊



Please have a look at our website [www.littledovescp.org.uk](http://www.littledovescp.org.uk) It has lots of information and all the relevant policies and procedures on 'About – Policies'

## Newsletter January 2025

Happy New Year to you all!

We are very sad to say a fond farewell to Stacey as she is retiring this month and moving to Frinton-on-Sea. Stacey has been with us for 5 years and has been a friend of mine and colleague at another local pre-school for 25 years! All her key children have been reallocated, and she has promised to visit us!

Wishing you all the very best Stacey ❤️ ❤️

Possible craft morning for parents/carers at Little Doves – let Pam know if this interests you



Little Doves Christian Pre School

SAVE THE DATE

Little Doves Pre-School Online Quiz  
(using Zoom breakout rooms for each team)  
hosted by  
Rotary Club of Brentwood

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025  
Quiz starts at 8pm  
£5 per person

Teams of 8 - please ask friends and family and support this much needed fundraising

Who? What? When?



**LUNCHBOXES**  
Healthy lunches please - small portion of crisps and only 1 sweet treat. Watch salt content.

Please slice cucumber, tomatoes & grapes lengthways & in quarters to prevent choking!! Ice blocks are a good idea too 😊

### easyfundraising

Please support us by using the 'easyfundraising' website to do your online shopping. Click on the link [here](#) to go to easyfundraising website.

- Create an account – select Little Doves
- Search for eligible online retailers
- Click "shop now" to take you to the retailer's website
- Make your purchase as usual



Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> Jan and 31<sup>st</sup> March are funded in April. **30 hour Extended Funding** - parents please apply **NOW** if you want to claim from **April 2025**

### September 2025 sessions

Please make sure we have the correct hours for your child especially if they are newly funded.

**Pam is interviewing for new staff – if anyone is interested see Pam**

### Funding for eligible working parents of 2 year olds

The link gives details on what entitlements parents may be able to receive:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Parents can apply for the entitlements via the following link

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

**No Toys from home**



**Please pay for the uniform you have ordered and your invoices ASAP**

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We regularly remind the children,  
'Kind hands, Kind feet, Kind words'. You may like to use these phrases too

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS; COATS, BAGS, DRINK BOTTLES, LUNCHES, WELLIES etc!**



**Topics this half term**  
Jungles,  
rainforests  
and jungle  
animals

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Children are loving this topic – thank you for the jam jars 😊

Emma has worked very hard making a lovely sensory and mud kitchen area. We have bought new resources and a new playhouse. The children are loving it!

### Shining Stars

Is always very popular. If your child wins the trophy one week, please remember to return it for the next week's winner. If your child's gets a Wow or Superstar sticker – this is a big deal – celebrate your child's success

### Illnesses

If your child is sick or has diarrhoea, they need to be 48 hours clear from the last episode before returning to Little Doves

Please trim and file your child's nails as sharp edges can hurt

### Suitable footwear - important

Please bring your child into pre-school WEARING 'pre-school' shoes - trainers or plimsols. Please, no shoes with hard soles as they can hurt other children and staff if accidentally kicked or stood on

Little Doves is full now for this school year. There is very little room for swaps. If anyone is away, please let Pam know in case that can help someone else with a swap



### Very important

You MUST let us know if anyone different is picking up your child. Please fill in the correct collection form and tell whoever is on the door who will put it in the Sign-in register. Also remember to tell the person collecting the 'password'

Please donate the extra item to us from "2 for 3" or "buy 1 get 1 free" offers. We need: handwash, kitchen rolls, wet wipes, tissues, bin liners, play sand, Zoflora disinfectant, anti-bac spray

**STRICT NO NUT POLICY** in packed lunches for children & staff. NO peanut butter or nut related spreads such as Nutella or almond pastes. We have several children with SEVERE ALLERGIES



Sarah Day and Alix are doing extra training to enhance their roles with us - we are supporting them and praying that they can manage all their homework! 😊

### Dates for your diary 2025

Half term: **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
LD Online Quiz night: **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb**  
Spring term finishes: **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
Summer term starts: **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Half term: **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May**  
Summer term finishes: **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**  
Non-pupil day: **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

### Wonky Wednesdays

We open at **9am** and finish at **12 noon**.  
This term: **February 12<sup>th</sup> & March 12<sup>th</sup>**



Our meerkats are out on their travels, please look out for them

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**PLEASE REMEMBER** our latest pickup time is **2.45pm**

**Little Doves phone no 07756 029105**

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*With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team*