

Congratulations to Anna Biddulph who graduates on Tuesday with a first-class honours degree in Adult Nursing

Newsletter

We are still welcoming new families – everyone is settling in very nicely ☺

Friday sessions

On Friday mornings we have more structured sessions with special tasks for the children to complete and focus time preparing the children for the next level of their learning. We also have Shining Stars Football Coaching helping improve their physical development.

We still have some spaces on a Friday if you would like your child to do these sessions - please see Pam.

URGENT

Please return your Gruffalo trip reply forms ASAP.

We need to finalise numbers next week.

Ranger Lead Gruffalo Trail at Thorndon Country Park

Friday 19th October 2018

arrive 9.45am for 10am start

The cost is £5.00 per walking child which is payable in advance. **Please note Little Doves will be closed that day.**

Very Important - Lunchboxes

Please do not put any food containing nuts in your child's lunchbox.

Remember freezer packs!

Please cut any grapes or tomatoes into slices to avoid the risk of choking.

About 30 children die each year from choking.

Harvest Festival Service at St Paul's Church

Sunday 7th October at 9.30 am

The service is suitable for all ages and everyone is welcome. Any donations of non-perishable food are very welcome and will go to the Lighthouse Furniture Project. See Pam for more details.

Tempest Photography

Thursday 18th October

10am – 12.15pm

All are welcome including siblings. Great ideas for Christmas presents.

Navestock Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 24th November

Mothers Union Jumble Sale

Saturday 27th October at St Paul's Church Centre

Very Important

It is very important that you let us know if anyone different is picking up your child. Please fill in the correct Collection form and write in the Sign-in register. Also remember to tell the person picking up your child the password.

30 hour Extended Funding Parents

Please remember to re-confirm your eligibility each term. If you are a new parent claiming 30 hours funding please ask for a 'permission to check' form.

Parent/carer helpers still needed
please sign up on the parent/carer rota in the lobby

Wonky' Wednesday

Please remember we open at **9am**.

The morning session finishes at **12 noon** and lunch at **12.30pm**.

The 'Wonky' Wednesdays this term are:

Wednesday 10th October, Wednesday 14th November, Wednesday 12th December

Congratulations to all the staff

who completed their
Level 2 Award in
Food Safety in Catering

Contact Books

are for communication between the
staff, your child and yourselves. Please
write in them and return them to be
updated by your child's key person.

Interest Table Topic

Autumn topic is 'Gruffalo'

Letters: G and M

Shapes: Triangle & circle



Numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Colours: Purple & orange

After half term:

Children in Need, Fireworks, Christmas

IMPORTANT

 **We still need more parents to remember to put their child's name in their clothes e.g. coats and jackets – staff waste so much time sorting out whose coat is whose!!** 

Pam has a marker pen at the door if you have forgotten. Please ask.

Please remember to bring in verification of your postcode and your child's birth certificate.

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.

Newly Funded Children Jan 2019

We **MUST** 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.

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. **Please note: The person named on the Gift Aid form must be a taxpayer and the person who pays the invoice.**

For cash payers we are providing you with envelopes with a Gift Aid declaration sticker - please use the envelope and complete the declaration when you pay the fees if you are a UK tax payer and eligible to Gift Aid your donation.

Dates for your diary

Half term 22nd October – 26th October
Last day of term Friday 15th December

**Nativity & Christmas Fair
Thursday 14th December**

Little Doves Badges

are available £2 each.

Little Doves T-Shirts

Pam is placing a sample order so these will be available soon.

Illnesses

Please tell Pam if your child is unwell with an infectious disease - e.g. Chicken Pox, Slapped Cheek, so we can make a note.
Thank you.

Quiz Night

Friday 15th February 2019
at Courage Hall, Brentwood school
Please support this fundraising event –
last year we raised £700 😊

Waiting List Registration Form

Please ask Pam for the waiting list registration form for any siblings so we can add your child to our growing waiting list. We have children listed as far away as Easter 2020!

We look forward to Ruth from Rhythm & Rhyme and Rob from Shining Stars joining us again next half term.

with love & prayers from Pam & the Little Doves team.