

Fundraising

If anyone can organise a simple fundraising event, know of anyone who would like to give a donation or if anyone's company will do match funding, that would be fantastic!



Little Doves telephone no
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Please have a look at our website
www.littledovescp.org.uk
It has lots of information and all
the relevant policies and
procedures on 'About – Policies'

Newsletter September 2023

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to welcome you all back and to see how much the children have changed since July!! And a very warm welcome to all the new children, parents and carers. Everyone is settling in very nicely and we are looking forward to all we have planned for this term. Also, welcome back to Emma – please be aware Emma has to be careful lifting children.

Harvest Time Activities

During this half term, the children will be learning all about harvest festival. Please bring in any harvest donations you would like to give.

All donations will go to
Brentwood Foodbank.

Infant Schools for Sept 2024

Many infant schools will be starting tours for you to view their schools. Look up their criteria on their website and make sure you are complying. Church schools usually want a minimum of one to two years church attendance prior to application.

January 2024 sessions

As you know we are very full. Please make sure we have the correct hours for your child.

Little Urchins Photographs

Coming soon. This is available for all children and siblings.
More details to follow.

Wonky Wednesdays this term

We open at **9am** and finish at **12 noon**.
October 11th
November 8th
December 13th

Please pay your invoices ASAP – we have asked for payment by 17th Oct at the latest. It takes so much of Pam's time to keep texting you/checking the bank for payments so please pay promptly

VERY IMPORTANT

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 and so there is a very strict
NO NUT policy.

PLEASE REMEMBER to slice cucumber, tomatoes & grapes lengthways & in quarters to prevent choking



Staff changes

Welcome to Justine who has started with us this term – she is a key person doing regular days.

We say 'goodbye' and 'thank you' to Phoebe & Esme as they leave us to go off to university – hope you have a fab time!!
We will miss you – don't forget to visit.

We are also saying 'goodbye' to Alison who has been with us since last September. Thank you so much for all you have done and please keep in touch. Alison's key children will be allocated a new key person very soon.



Suitable footwear

Please can you bring your child into pre-school WEARING 'preschool' shoes
Suitable shoes are trainers, plimsols or doodles. No sliders or high heels!! Please think & watch where your child's shoes have been - the floor is a play area and children often touch the floor and so it can be a source for germs.

Please NO toys from home – the toy may not be safe for the younger children, the toy often gets lost and we find the children do not want to share a toy from home which leads to lots of squabbles!! Please only bring in items related to the show and tell topic.

Please let Pam know if you have any holidays booked

Please remember to label ALL your child's belongings; coats, bags, drink bottles lunches, wellies etc!!!

Children born between 1st April and 31st Aug are funded in Sept. Children born between 1st Sept and 31st Dec are funded in Jan. **30 hour Extended Funding** - parents please apply **NOW** if you want to claim from **January 2024**. To those paying childcare, please check with **CHILDCARE CHOICES WEBSITE** to see if you are eligible to any tax benefits **Newly funded children MUST bring in a copy of their birth certificate & proof of address to show Pam**

Important - Pam needs to see your child's red book for immunisations **SOME DOCUMENTS ARE STILL NEEDED FROM EXISTING CHILDREN!!! PLEASE BRING THESE IN ASAP!!**

Shining Stars

A big thank you to Rob for bringing football skills and fun to all the children on a Friday with **Shining Stars**. We all look forward to this and he spends extra time with those who need more specialised coaching

PLEASE REMEMBER our latest pickup time is 2.45pm. Our times have not changed even though some schools have. We must have left the hall by 3pm. Other users come into the hall after us and the staff have to collect their own children from school too. Please do not leave it until the last minute to pick up your child. We may have to start charging for persistent late pickups

Topics for this half term **"All About Me!"**

Drawing and painting self-portraits, learning about rules and talking about favourite things.

Celebrating Harvest Festival
Recycling – which bag to use?

Term Dates 2023/2024

Half term: **Mon 23rd Oct to Fri 27th Oct**
Autumn term finishes: **Thursday 14th Dec**
Spring term starts: **Thursday 4th January**

Little Doves T-shirts/Polo shirts available to order. See Pam.
T-shirt £7.50, Polo shirt £10.50
Sweatshirt £11, Iron on badges £2

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

Facebook

Remember to log in to our closed Facebook page to see photos of what the children have been doing. If you are not a member, please send a friend request to "Friends of Little Doves"
We will be using this lots to convey information to parents/carers

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'

Easy Fundraising

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

Voluntary Donations

Thank you to everyone for their voluntary donations. For those who are not able to donate, maybe you can 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

With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team