

January 2019



Needed

Girls and boys trousers
age 3-4 and 4-5 and
any spare winter coats

Anyone running in the
Brentwood Half
Marathon? Please
consider running for Team
Little Doves – please see
Pam for sponsor forms.

Newsletter

A big 'Welcome' to all our new families who all seem to be settling in nicely.
It is lovely to see the pre-school so busy 😊



Match Funding



If anyone works for a company that does match funding please nominate us – we are a charity and with no increase in the government funding for next year we need to raise more money to meet increasing costs.

URGENT

Please pay any outstanding
invoices or t-shirt money
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

NEW Little Doves T-Shirts, Polo shirts
& Sweatshirts

Please see Julie or Pam for order forms.

Little Doves Pre-School Quiz Night

hosted by Rotary Club of Brentwood

Friday 15th February 2019

Venue: Courage Hall, Brentwood School

Time: 7.30pm start

Price: £8 per ticket (includes Jacket potato)

Tables of 8. Please see Pam for tickets



Drinks & snacks to be purchased at the bar. Table name in advance, if poss 😊

Please support this fundraising event – Little Doves is the winner. Last year we raised about £700, bought the climbing frame and made the garden lovely. This year we are looking to raise money to further improve the outside play area - perhaps laying artificial grass to cut down on the mud and maintenance.

Retirement

Rev Mark James will be retiring from
St Paul's Church at the end of Feb 2019.
Thank you Mark for all your support for
Little Doves – we would not have opened
without you! Happy Retirement 😊

Bad Weather

In the event of bad weather Pam will text
or email you as early as possible in the
morning if the pre-school is closed. The
road leading to the hall and car park has
to be safe. Please make sure we have up
to date contact details.

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.

Thank you to the parents who have been
helping. The smallest thing can make a
big difference. One mum takes the
washing home each week. THANK YOU!

Christmas Celebration with Nativity

Thank you for all your support – we raised nearly £400

Little Doves

Facebook Page

Don't forget to look at our Facebook page for photos showing what the children have been doing and notices of events and activities.

Contact Books

are for communication between the staff, your child and yourselves. If anyone would like to know what sort of things to write in the Contact book please speak to Pam, Emma or your child's keyperson.



EVEN MORE IMPORTANT NOW



Since the new uniform lots of children have the same clothes – please remember to put your child's name in their clothes.

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 2019

Half term: 18th February to 22nd February
Last day of term: 29th March
Wonky Wednesdays: 13th February & 13th March – remember **9am** start.

Sessions for Easter & Sept 2019

Please confirm with Pam in writing the sessions you would like your child to attend in Easter 2019 (we are almost full!!) and Sept 2019 as soon as possible.

Interest Table Topic

This half term: Weather

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Staff Training

All staff took part in Manual Handling and Fire Marshall training in November 2018.

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 are getting busy in September 2019!

We are expecting our first full Ofsted Inspection before the summer holidays – we are all working very hard - please help us and return promptly any paperwork we send out.
with love & prayers from Pam & the Little Doves team.