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## **Newsletter**

**Welcome to the new parents who have joined us this term - it is lovely to meet you all. All the new children are settling in well.**

### **Brentwood Brewery Fest**

Thank you to anyone who visited us at the Brentwood Brewery Fest. We raised just over £100 and had some good conversations promoting the pre-school.

### **'Wonky' Wednesday**

Please remember we open at **9am**.  
'Wonky' Wednesdays this half term are:  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

### **More fundraising needed for:**

- A new CD player
  - Black rubber mats for the garden
  - Outside play equipment
  - Outside storage sheds
- If anyone can help or has any fundraising ideas please see Pam.

### **Contact Books**

Contact Books are a way for the pre-school staff to communicate with parents about their child. Please make sure you have a **Contact Book** for your child. Please put this book in the box in the foyer and collect it once a week.

### **Tempest Photographs**

will be visiting on  
**Thursday 19th October 10am**  
All are welcome – including siblings.

### **How can you help me with my learning?**

Look out for advice and suggestions in your child's contact book on how to help your child achieve their 'Next Steps'.

### **Little Doves Badges**

are available £2 each.

### **Little Doves T-Shirts**

We are looking to purchase some new children's t-shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces. If you would like to put in an order please contact Pam.

### **Little Doves Library**

Coming soon!

### **Wellies**

Please bring in a **NAMED** pair of wellies for your child to play outside in the garden.

### **Important**

Remember to put your child's name in their clothes e.g. coats and jackets.

### **Name Labels for Clothes**

Please see Little Doves Facebook page for how you can help raise money for Little Doves by ordering your labels through us.

### **Competition for Christmas Fayre Navestock Village Hall**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 12 – 4pm**

We are holding a competition for the children to make an angel or star for the Navestock Village Hall Christmas tree. Entries will be judged at the fayre and prizes will be given out for the winners. Everyone is invited to enter.

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Half term**

We finish on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** and are back on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

#### **End of term**

We will be having a Nativity this year – more details to follow.  
Last day of term is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. We will be holding a **Christmas Breakfast Bazaar at 9.15am** for all parents /carers. There will be a party entertainer at 11am. The day will finish at **12.15pm**.

### **Important - Lunchboxes**

Please do not put any food containing nuts in your child's lunchbox. Please cut any grapes in quarters and tomatoes in half to avoid the risk of choking.  
Remember freezer packs!

### **Alfie Bear and Friends have a new map to show their travels**

so please invite one to go with you on holiday and take lots of photos to share at the pre-school and on the map!

### **Items needed**

- An old laptop suitable for putting children's games on
- Junk modelling – particularly toilet roll and kitchen roll tubes

### **Thank you!**

for recommending the pre-school to your family and friends with child – we have had lots of new children arriving. Please continue to recommend us.

### **Keep us up to date**

Please remember to keep us up to date with any address or telephone number changes.

### **Fundraising**

We have a **DONATE** button on our website for anyone who would like to donate to the pre-school.

### **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.

Also, we need to 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.

### **Charity Status - 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. The Gift Aid can be claimed from when we opened the pre-school so this will be a huge financial help to us.

### **Interest Table Topic**

9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October – Handa's Surprise  
Letter: H, Number: 7, Colour: Orange,  
Shape: Circle.

### **Quiz Night for Little Doves**

**Friday February 16<sup>th</sup> 2018**  
Tables of 8. Tickets £8.  
More details to follow.

### **Illnesses**

We need to make a note of any infectious diseases in the pre-school e.g. Chicken Pox, Slapped Cheek, so please speak to Pam if your child is unwell. Thank you.

### **St Paul's Church is taking part in Operation Christmas Child**

Please ask for a leaflet to make up your own shoebox or bring in items to go towards a shoebox from Little Doves.

### **St Paul's Mothers Union**

Jumble Sale on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**  
10am – 12pm

### **Sessions for January 2018**

Please confirm your child's hours for January 2018 in writing to Pam as soon as possible as we have a lot of enquiries.

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